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ANOTHER MURDER ON LONG ISLAND.

Cold-Blooded Murder and Highway Robbery near Jamaica.

The Murderers at Large—Strange Apathy of the People.

At an early hour on Tuesday evening last another diabolical and cold-blooded murder on the highway, for money, was perpetrated on Long Island, near Jamaica, by parties as yet unknown. The particulars, so far as could be gathered on the spot by one of our Reporters, who visited the scene of the murder yesterday afternoon, are as follows:

Mr. SAMUEL CARMAN, a respectable farmer, residing at Foster's Meadow, three miles east of Jamaica, and brother of Messr CARMAN, Esq.—proceeded to Brooklyn Monday morning last, and returning that evening, was last seen alive while passing through the village of Jamaica about 7 o'clock, going towards home in an ordinary two-horse hay wagon. At 7½ o'clock that evening the team, driven by Mr. CARMAN, passed through the toll-gate on the Hempstead Plank road, about one mile east of Jamaica, where Mr. GEORGE HOOGLAND, the keeper of the gate, went into the road, and seeing no person in the wagon, supposed that it was only a run-away team, paid but little attention to the matter. A few minutes after this a man in the employ of J. R. SEABURY, Esq., of Hempstead, came up the road and notified Mr. HOOGLAND that one of the horses had fallen a little distance beyond the gate. He (Mr. HOOGLAND) proceeded to secure them, while the man before alluded to passed on towards Jamaica. He soon returned to the toll-house, and stated that a man was lying at the road-side near by, apparently much injured. Mr. HOOGLAND with several others in the vicinity, started for the spot indicated, and after going about 20 rods towards Jamaica, they discovered the body of a man lying in the snow, some eight feet from the road, which was subsequently identified as that of Mr. CARMAN. When found, he was lying face downward, and upon being raised from the ground he gasped several times and expired in their arms.

The body was taken to the toll-house and examined by Dr. WM. D. WOOD. He found the skull at the back of the head badly broken, as though it had been struck several hard blows with some heavy, blunt instrument, the fracture extending over three inches. Over the right eye was a cut, apparently made by some sharp instrument, nearly severing the eye-lid; above the left eye was another severe wound, and a hole in the left cheek extending downward some two and a half inches. There was also considerable of a cut at the side of the mouth, and marks upon the throat, indicating that the man had been choked. No other marks of violence were found, but the injury in the back of the head was sufficient to have caused death.

The snow, where the body was found, was covered with blood, and spots of blood were traced to where the cap of deceased was found, nearly half a mile further in toward the village of Jamaica. Near the body was also found a white oak club, about four feet in length and two and a half inches square at the largest end. The other end has the corners smoothed off, to hold in the hand, resembling very much a roughly made bat-club. About one foot of the large end of this club is besmeared with blood, and, also, there is upon it a quantity of human hair. This was the weapon, undoubtedly, used by the murderer or murderers in giving the fatal blow. On the right hand of deceased was a glove, over which was drawn a thick woolen mitten; the left hand was bare, but the mitten and glove for this hand were found some twenty feet from the body.

The right pantaloons pocket was turned inside out, and was stained with blood. It is not known yet what amount of money he had with him, but it is well known that it was his habit to carry a pocket-book in that pocket; this has not been found. It is supposed that he had $50 or $60 in this pocket-book, besides a check on the Central Bank, Brooklyn. There can be no mistake but that this was a foul murder and robbery.

Deceased was between 34 and 35 years of age, inoffensive and temperate in his habits, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his untimely end. His body remained at the Toll House until yesterday afternoon, when it was taken to Foster's Meadow, the residence of his family.

Yesterday morning word was dispatched to Coroner ROYS, of Flushing, who arrived in Jamaica about noon, and at 3½ o'clock impannelled the following Jury, at the hotel of WM. DURLAND:

JOHN R. SKIDMORE, Foreman.
A. B. Hendrickson, W. R. Hendrickson, Albert Smith, Jun., W. Wright, R. Hendrickson, W. C. Hendrickson, Howard Pearsall, Walter Smith.

The Jury having previously viewed the body, proceeded to take testimony. Several witnesses were examined, and the material portions of their testimony we have given in the above statement. The Jury rendered a verdict that death was caused by the blow upon the back of the head, inflicted with the club shown, in the hands of some person to them unknown.

It seems almost impossible that a murder could have been committed where this was without the immediate detection of the perpetrators, and we think the residents in the vicinity deserve censure for their apparent apathy in the matter—for had they acted promptly and energetically, the murderers could not have escaped. The Sheriff of the County, Mr. HENDRICKSON, received no information of the murder until 10 o'clock yesterday morning—*fifteen* hours after the man was found dead at the side of the road.

The road upon which this offence was committed is one of the most traveled in the vicinity of New-York,—the travel is constant,—and is very thickly settled, and only half a mile from the village of Jamaica. But a minute before the deceased's team came dashing through the toll-gate, a farmer's wagon had passed and several others were just behind.

As soon as Sheriff HENDRICKSON heard of the murder he sent officers in different directions; and at Rockaway yesterday two Italians were arrested upon suspicion—but they were soon discharged, sufficient evidence having been brought forward to satisfy the officer that they could not have been on the spot at the time.

A clue has been obtained of the murderers, which if promptly followed up, it may not even now be too late to secure them. We are not at liberty to state what this clue is, but Sheriff HENDRICKSON felt confident that he was on the right track last night. About 8 o'clock Monday afternoon two strange men were seen in the vicinity of this murder. Mr. DYKMAN, of Jamaica, passed them at this hour, and one of them beckoned with a club for him to stop. The club he thinks was similar to the one shown before the Coroner's Jury. He put the whip to his horse, as he thought they looked like suspicious characters. No words passed between them. Two men of a similar description were seen at this spot by a citizen of Jamaica, less than an hour before the murder. There is but little doubt but what these men were the perpetrators of this bloody murder. That the murderers were hurried in their work is evident from the fact that $34 75 in the vest pocket of deceased, escaped their notice, and why the fact that a murder had been committed, was not generally made known, and why those who did know of it, did not turn out en masse and scour the country at once, is past our comprehension.

It is but a few days since Mr. CHARLES SIMONSON was knocked down and robbed on the Merrick Plank Road, and now lies at the point of death from injuries then received. If the residents of the suburban districts do not wish to see the number of these horrid crimes increase in their midst, they must be more vigilant and make greater efforts to secure the offenders when a shocking murder like this is committed. By their apathy in the case, they but invite villains to seek their prey among them. It certainly must be a safe place for them to exercise their avocation, when so many crimes are committed on the highways, almost under the very windows of houses, and the perpetrators escape even an arrest.

Unless the murderers in this case are ferreted out, the citizens of Jamaica and vicinity may expect no clemency for the future; they should never dare to travel the roads, unless in armed bands, even in the day time, and never think of going out at night.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

JAMAICA, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The most brutal and daring murder ever perpetrated in this vicinity, was committed on Tuesday evening within the corporate bounds of this village. The circumstances elicited before the Coroner's Jury, now in session, were as follows: About 7½ o'clock, the gate at East Jamaica being shut and fastened, a team of horses attached to a farm wagon ran against the gate with such violence as to force it open and permit them to pass through. They ran about twenty rods and fell opposite the residence of J. H. BAILEY, Esq. Just as they stopped, a hired man, in the employ of J. A. SEABURY, Esq., of Hempstead Branch, passed; he informed Mr. HOOGLAND, the gate-keeper, whence the horses came. They both thought the horses had run away, and Mr. H. was about going to look for the driver. Mr. SEABURY's man started on his journey to Jamaica, and had proceeded but about two rods when he saw a man lying by the side of the road speechless, supposed then to have fallen from the wagon. He went back and informed Mr. HOOGLAND, who, with some of the neighbors, went to the relief of the wounded man. He was taken to the toll-gate, and upon producing a light it was evident that a foul and brutal murder had been committed. After an ineffectual attempt to procure a carriage, preparations were commenced until this morning. The news that a murdered man had been found on the bounds of the village, on a public highway—the plank road from Jamaica to Hempstead—caused intense excitement. The citizens far and near assembled to see the body and learn the particulars. This morning the body was recognized to be the body of SAMUEL CARMAN, of Foster's Meadow. The skull was found to have been fractured by a heavy blow, no doubt from a club, as one was found near the body, bloody. The bottom of the wagon was much bloody, indicating from the loss of blood that the blow was a violent one. The face was cut in several places, causing the supposition that more than one person was engaged in the affray. His right pantaloons pocket had been rifled. In his vest pockets were $34. As the body was found within about eleven rods of the toll gate, the villains probably had not time to ride the pockets, for the horses were running at full speed, and they dare not go through the gate with the wounded man in the wagon, or be found rifling his pockets if they threw him out of it. He leaves a wife and four small children. His cap was found about half a mile from the gate, on the road to Jamaica. There are seven houses between the place where the cap was found and the spot where the body was discovered.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

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INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Proceedings Before the Investigating Committee—Examination of the Editor of the Times.

Last of the Woodworth Planing Machine Patent—The British Minister.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

MR. RAYMOND, Editor of the DAILY TIMES appeared before the House Committee of Investigation to-day. He declined to state the name of the writer of the article in the TIMES of the 6th inst., but avowed his responsibility for it. He maintained the duty of the Press to act on moral convictions, and stated in answer to questions that he had received ample information to satisfy him that there was corruption in Congress; that this was necessarily second-hand evidence, and that he declined giving the names of his informants, as he could not do so without a violation of confidence—and besides it was unnecessary.

The Committee urged that the investigation must fall through if Mr. RAYMOND refused to produce this testimony. Mr. RAYMOND replied, that he did not so understand it; on the contrary, the House took special pains to repudiate all idea that the investigation was ordered in consequence of anything published in the TIMES. It is supposed that the Committee took the hint.

Your Correspondent will testify to-morrow. You may be assured that this affair will not prove barren of results. Startling exposures may be looked for, and a general storm.

The House Committee on Patents to-day agreed upon a unanimous report against the extension of the Woodworth Planing Machine patent. This buries the case, which its proprietors abandoned some time ago.

The rumor that Lord ELGIN is coming here as Minister from Great Britain, is not credited in diplomatic circles, because, having been Governor General of Canada, to accept an Ambassadorship would be to take a lower position, instead of advancing in the line of promotion. S.

A Branch Mint for the City of New-York—New Postage Arrangements—Mail Contracts—The Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

A bill was introduced in the House, to-day, by Mr. LETCHER, for the establishment of a Branch Mint in the City of New-York, and placing its control and regulation under the Director of the Philadelphia Mint. It provides for the coinage of gold and silver; for the appointment of necessary officers, and for the erection of suitable buildings and machinery, in connection with the Assay-Office.

The single rate of postage upon letters addressed to the following places, *viâ* England, and intended to be forwarded by the British packets, *viâ* Marseilles, will hereafter be, (prepayment required,) Egypt and China, excepting Alexandria and Hong Kong, thirty-nine cents; Java, Borneo, Labuan, Sumatra, Moluccas and Philippine Islands, each forty-nine cents. On letters to Alexandria, Hong Kong and the British Possessions in India, the United States postage only, of twenty-one or five cents—according as they are dispatched by the United States or British packets—must be prepaid in this country. In consequence of the reduction in the French transit rates on letters forwarded from the United Kingdom through France to Spain, the postage between the United States and Spain, *viâ* England and France, will be hereafter (prepayment compulsory) not exceeding a quarter of an ounce, thirty-seven cents; not exceeding half an ounce forty-three cents; not exceeding three-fourths of an ounce eighty cents, and not exceeding an ounce eighty-six cents.

The Senate's Post-Office Committee Bill empowers the Postmaster-General to enter into contracts with Companies to carry the mails on Railroads, now or hereafter to be completed, not to exceed once daily each way, for a term of eight years, the contractors to have the privilege to import, without payment of any other duties, all iron necessary to be used during the continuance of their contract. Mr. BIGLER, who dissented from the views of the majority, has prepared a report in which he says, among other objections, the bill proposes special legislation to advance the interests of railroad companies to the imminent prejudice of manufacturers of railroad iron, and that the manifest tendency of such a measure would be to subject the Government to imposition, if not frauds on the administration of its revenues and postal system.

Mr. RAYMOND, editor of the NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES, was under examination to-day before the Corruption Investigation Committee.

XXXIIIth Congress---Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The Senate passed the House bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy.

IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERS.

Mr. BENJAMIN reported a bill making appropriation for the improvement, by contract, of the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Arkansas rivers.

Mr. BENJAMIN remarked that, at the last session, bills were referred to the Committee on Commerce to provide for such objects; but the Committee being unable to agree upon the subject, no report was then made. The proposition in those bills was to advertise for certain numbers of hands to go to work in removing the various obstructions in those rivers by contract, but the Committee found great difficulties in the way of such a system, and accordingly reported that now before the Senate, the consideration of which, he would ask at an early day.

The bill proposes to have the Western rivers divided into convenient sections, and then advertise by contract for the removal of all obstructions to the navigation of each section, whether from stumps, snags, sunken wrecks, rocks, logs, or of whatever nature, either in the main channel of the river or in the chan-nels leading to the various ports and landings. It provides that no money shall be paid on any contract until the entire work undertaken shall be completed and inspected by suitable officers of the Topographical Corps of Engineers. The bill includes various appropriations, which do not exceed $150,000 per annum for five years. For that sum the Committee have ascertained that contracts could certainly be made, by which all these Western rivers could be kept entirely clear of the obstructions at present so destructive to life and property. At the end of five years, when these rivers are to be delivered up to the Government entirely free from obstructions, a continuous appropriation of one-third of that sum will keep them clear.

DESERTERS FROM THE NAVY.

Mr. HOUSTON offered a resolution, which lies over, calling on the President to inform the Senate of the number of deserters from the Navy since the passage of the act to provide for the efficiency of the Navy—the cause of the return from the Pacific station of certain officers—and in relation to the resignation of any commissioned officers recently serving in the East India squadron.

The House bill, providing for the settlement of the claims of officers of the Revolution, was advocated by Mr. BELL, of New-Hampshire, and opposed by Mr. CLAY. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

A large number of bills on different subjects were introduced by various gentlemen, among them one by Mr. CARLILE, equalizing grants of lands to the several States.

One by Mr. LETCHER, establishing a branch Mint in the City of New-York.

By Mr. CRAWFORD, abolishing the duty on sugar.

By Mr. WOODWORTH, for a Railroad and Telegraph to the Pacific.

By Mr. HERBERT, granting alternate sections of land to California for railroad purposes; and also a bill providing for the sale of surveyed lands in that State.

By Mr. WAINWRIGHT, for the erection of public buildings and military roads in Kansas.

By Mr. WOOD, for one or more railroads from the Mississippi to the Pacific; and one by Mr. FLORENCE, equalizing Army, Navy and Marine pensions.

THE TARIFF.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Tariff bill.

Mr. ATKINS, in reply to Mr. BOWIE's remarks yesterday, defended the American Party from the charge of proscription of persons of foreign birth, and vindicated their position towards the Roman Catholic Church. He deprecated the discussion of the slavery question as of a mischievous tendency, saying in this connection: Up to 1854 a majority of the Southern Representatives voted to sustain the Missouri Compromise, and he asked whether it was just to charge him with Free-Soilism because he had opposed the repeal of that measure.

Mr. DUNHAM maintained that not only is it the constitutional power, but the duty of the Government, to protect and encourage the industrial pursuits of the country. He particularly spoke of the justice of admitting free of duty the materials which enter into American manufactures; as that in this respect we should be placed on a footing with the English manufacturers. He could give his support to any bill which should contain a judicious discrimination in favor of American industry.

Mr. LETCHER wished to know whether the bill or the substitute by Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, was not a mere man of straw set up to be fought for at present, and whether when the discussion shall be closed he intended to introduce another bill, speak on it for an hour, and then terminate the debate without affording others an opportunity to be heard.

Mr. CAMPBELL replied that he set up no man of straw; but it might become necessary to move a substitute for the Bill after its consideration in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. No advantage would be taken of any gentleman.

Mr. LETCHER said that some definite measure ought now to be presented by a majority of the Committee on Ways and Means in order to arrive at just conclusions.

Mr. CAMPBELL wished to know whether a minority of the Committee had presented a scheme on which they would stand; and whether Mr. LETCHER intended to sustain Mr. BOYCE's Bill for a Horizontal Tariff for revenue alone.

Mr. LETCHER replied, that when the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means present a proposition on which they will stand or fall, the minority will present their substitute for it. But the latter cannot now present their substitute for a bill which the majority say they will abandon.

Mr. CAMPBELL denied that the majority intend abandoning the principles on which the bill is founded, and which are set forth in their report on the Tariff.

The Committee rose.

Various tariff amendments were offered and ordered to be printed, and the House adjourned.

Meeting of the United States Agricultural Society.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The United States Agricultural Society met here at 10 o'clock this morning. There was a larger attendance than ever before, twenty-eight State and Territorial Agricultural Boards and State Societies being represented. Among the audience were President PIERCE and many Senators and Representatives. The President of the Society, Mr. WILMER, read the Annual Address, containing many practical suggestions, and showing the Society to be in a flourishing condition. A Business Committee was appointed. Several interesting debates occupied the morning.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

PROTESTS IN BOTH HOUSES AGAINST THE ELECTION OF MR. CAMERON AS UNITED STATES SENATOR.

HARRISBURG, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

A protest was presented in the Senate to-day against the election of Mr. CAMERON, because he did not receive a concurrent majority in each House, and because the Senate failed to comply with the law requiring the appointment of a Teller, and the nomination of candidates on the day before the meeting of the Convention. The protest is signed by 14 Senators. The consideration of the matter was postponed in consequence of the absence of Mr. BROWN. A similar protest was presented in the House and debated warmly. A proposal to place the protest on the journal was lost, no quorum voting. A call of the House was ordered, pending which the House adjourned.

The Indignation Meeting of the Philadelphia Keystone Club.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The Keystone Club held an indignation meeting here this evening.

President RANKIN presided. Speeches were made by EDWARD POWERS, STEPHEN REMAK and others, denouncing the treason in the strongest terms. Mr. POWERS predicted that Mr. FORNEY's prospects, though shattered for a time, would be vastly improved eventually, and this treason elevate him to the Presidency of the Republic.

Resolutions were adopted, holding up FOSTER and his friends and WAGGONSELLER, TEBB and MANEAR to the execration of the Democratic Party; and openly accusing the latter of corruption and receiving Middletown Bank Notes for their votes.

A Committee was appointed to prepare a memorial to the United States Senate, to inquire into the illegality of the election.

United States Senator from Delaware.

WILMINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

JAMES A. BAYARD and M. W. BATES were nominated by the Democratic for United States Senators at Dover last night,—Mr. BAYARD for the long term. The election is fixed for this afternoon.

Minnesota Legislature.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The Legislature of Minnesota met on the 7th instant. The Council elected JOHN B. BRIGGS, of St. Paul, President. The House at latest dates had failed to organize.

From Rio Janeiro.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE, SHIP NEWS, ETC.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

By way of Bahia we have Rio Janeiro dates to the 29th of November. The circular of MESSRS. MAXWELL, WRIGHT & Co., dated Rio, Nov. 21, states that the stock of American FLOUR on hand was 50,000 bbls., and that the withdrawal of the River Plate demand, with free receipts, had caused much depression, and small sales only could be made at $19@$20 for Baltimore; 22,500@24 for Richmond, and 20@21 for other brands. COFFEE—Sales since 19th Nov., 70,000 bags at former quotations, with a slight decline upon lots. Good fives quoted at 4,700@4,800; Lots, 4,600@4,650. Exchange on England nominal at 27½ ₩ cent. A later circular, of the 29th, reports no variation in COFFEE or Exchange.

Arrivals—Barks *Creole*, Baltimore; *Mystery* and *Speedwell*, Boston; *Acme*, New-York; sloop *Carlotta*, Philadelphia.

Sailed—Barks *Emily* and *White Cloud*, for New-York; *Antelope*, for Baltimore.

The American departures from the 12th to the 21st of November took an aggregate of 40,000 bags of coffee.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

A petition was presented from the Trustees of the Children's Hospital, asking for relief.

The following bills were reported upon favorably

The Flushing Female Academy.

To amend the law relative to foreign corporations.

Relative to the Marine Court of New-York.

Relative to mechanics furnishing or repairing machinery.

To incorporate the American Guano Company.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. BROOKS, for amending the charter of the Nurseryed Child's Hospital.

By Mr. PETTIT, for increasing the powers of notaries public.

Relative to the Police Department of New-York. It is the same as last year, except that no Commissioners are named, that being left to be decided in the Committee of the Whole.

For amending the charter of New-York.

By Mr. STRONG, to appropriate $50,000 for the erection of an Executive Mansion.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. C. P. SMITH, to amend the Brooklyn School law.

By Mr. MADDEN, to amend the Insurance law.

The Senate went into Executive Session.

The argument in the BARR and SICKLES case was continued, and do other business was done.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The following petitions were presented:

For an International Bridge Company.

For a change of the General Banking Law.

To amend the act relative to the collection of taxes in Brooklyn.

From JAMES B. MUSSEY, of Newport, borrower of money from the New-York Chamber of Commerce, asking for a modification of the Usury laws.

For a New-York Omnibus-driver's Association.

For a Polytechnic College for the diffusion of information about engineering, mining, &c.

From the New-York Typographical Society, asking for relief.

From the American Geographical Society for a ship canal from the Hudson River to Lake Champlain.

Several petitions for a Prohibitory Liquor law, and for aid to Agricultural Societies were also presented.

The Appropriation bill of last year was reported and made a special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The report of the Auditor of the Canal Department was presented. [We publish it elsewhere.]

NOTICES OF BILLS.

In relation to the compensation of Loan Commissioners.

To amend the law of divorce.

By Mr. JOHN J. REILLY, to amend the pawnbrokers' law of New-York.

For better provision for paupers, criminals, and the insane.

To legalize divorces for desertion and inhuman treatment.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

To incorporate Turnverein of New-York.

To amend the Police laws of the City of New-York.

For the extension of time generally for the collection of taxes.

To protect the citizens of the City of New-York from imposition by the City Railroad Companies.

To provide for the disposition of head-money in New-York and its disposition by the Seamen's Fund Trustees.

Mr. JONES' resolution that it is inexpedient to introduce a Prohibitory Liquor Law this session was called up by Judge FOOT, who made some remarks repudiating the charge made against the Republican Party, that they would desert prohibition now that they are in power. He proposed an amendment as follows:

Resolved, That the introduction of a Prohibitory Law during the present session is expedient.

This was laid on the table.

On the resolution coming up to grant the use of the Assembly Chamber for a lecture on Kansas, Mr. JONES opposed it on the ground that a new rule was contemplated for not letting any person have the use of the Assembly Chamber. After debate a resolution was adopted declaring that the use of the Chamber would not be granted to any person or associations but those of the State.

A resolution was adopted calling for information from the Bank Superintendent regarding the prospect of recovering on the bills of the Lewis County Bank.

Mr. GRAHAM introduced a resolution for the appointment of a Committee of Five to report on the propriety of abolishing the death penalty. Lost—47 members only voting in its favor.

The following Committees have been announced:

On Commerce and Navigation—Messrs. Wakeman, Sherman, Tiffany, Sluyter and Hartford.

On Railroads—Messrs. Hogeboom, Wakeman, Smith, T. Townsend and Rose.

On Banks—Messrs. Van Allen, Richmond, Leavenworth, J. B. Dickson and T. Fink.

On Insurance—Messrs. Pomeroy, Babcock, Ames, Woods and Mulligan.

On Claims—Messrs. Wooster, Purdy, Pelt, Ross, and Hanford.

News from Havana and Mexico.

FEARFUL STORM OFF VERA CRUZ—TWO MEN-OF-WAR WRECKED AND EIGHTY LIVES LOST—COMMERCIAL NEWS.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The steamship *Isabel*, from Havana and Key West on the 10th inst., has arrived here. The health of Dr. KANE was improving.

A great storm had occurred off Vera Cruz. Numerous vessels were wrecked, including the ship-of-war *Guadaloupe* and steamer *Iturbide*. Eighty persons on board the latter were lost.

The fish monopoly at Cuba had been annulled, and foreign vessels were allowed to sell. The weather was cool, but beautiful. Sugars firm and inactive. New Molasses was coming in freely. Coffee, good seconds, selling at $16 50@$17 50. Freights and exchanges were improving. The schooner *Louisa*, from New-York for Apalachicola, had arrived at Key West in distress.

Extensive Forgeries Discovered in Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

It is reported that the name of DANIEL DESHON, of the firm of DESHON & SON, of this City, has been forged to a large amount; thirty thousand dollars of the forged paper having been discovered among the assets of the defunct Canton Bank of China, Maine. The paper is now in the possession of a Boston Bank. The $30,000 of forged paper brought to light was discovered at the Exchange and Mercantile Banks, Bangor, and the Canton Bank. The paper bore the signature of A. K. NORRIS, Janesville, Wis., and was indorsed, DANIEL DESHON. It is stated that these indorsements were made at Janesville last Fall, by a son of Mr. DESHON who attached his father's name to several notes drawn by Mr. NORRIS; and also, that the son attached the name of his father to blank paper left at Janesville to be filled up.

Movements of Steamers.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER MERLIN AT HALIFAX FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

HALIFAX, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The steamship *Merlin*, from St. Johns, N. F., *viâ* Sydney, C. B., arrived at this port last night. CYRUS W. FIELD, Esq., was amongst her passengers, and we understand he will leave for Boston and New-York by the steamer *America*, now nearly due from Liverpool. Mr. FIELD has taken measures to have the coast of Newfoundland surveyed early in the Spring, with a view to the selection of the most desirable place to bring the trans-Atlantic cable ashore; and also for the construction of the land-line which may be necessary to connect the wires of the present line with the Atlantic cable.

The new light-house upon Cape Race was completed and lighted on Dec. 15, and can be discerned from a long distance at sea.

ARRIVAL OF THE NASHVILLE AT CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, Monday, Jan. 12.

The United States Mail steamship *Nashville* Capt. THOMAS D. EWEN, from New-York, arrived here this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock.

THE ALABAMA AT SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The U. S. M. steamship *Alabama* arrived here to-day, in sixty hours from New-York.

SAILING OF THE NIAGARA FROM BOSTON.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The B. M. steamship *Niagara* sailed at noon today, with 25 passengers for Halifax and 37 for Liverpool. She took out $256,000 in American gold bars.

The Slave Troubles.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The County Court of New-Kent County, Va., is engaged trying several negroes, charged with inciting insurrection. One negro has been convicted, and is sentenced to be hung, and it is supposed that another would meet the same fate.

United States Supreme Court.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

James H. Ure, of the steamer *Cipsy*, plaintiff in error vs. *James M. and Cornelius Gaines*, defendant in error.—Mr. Justice NELSON delivered the opinion of the Court. The steamer *Cipsy* was navigating the Mississippi, on a dark night, and struck a flat-boat which was tied near the bank of the river, just below a wood-yard, sinking the boat and cargo. Suit was brought against the steamer to recover the value of the cargo lost, the court below sustaining the libel. The Supreme Court say that the steamer in leaving the channel of the river and running so near the bank, and at a point too where boats were in the habit of lying up to avoid collision with boats running, did not exercise proper care, and was properly responsible for damages, although the flat-boat displayed no light. Judgment of Circuit Court affirmed.

James Stevens, plaintiff in error, vs. *Gordon & Freed*, defendants in error.—Mr. Justice MCLEAN delivered the opinion of the Court. Libel to recover $4,000 damages, for an infringement of plaintiff's patent Topographical Map of Rhode Island. Defendants purchased the engraved plates, and struck 2,000 copies of the map. The Court held that the purchase of the plates gave no authority to print—but that the plaintiff had failed in the Court below to make a proper record for the consideration of the Supreme Court. Proper exceptions had not been taken, and hence the judgment below would be affirmed with costs. (NOTE.—The plaintiff in the Court below, in order to save counsel fees, attended to his case, in *propria personâ*. The result is the loss of a good claim, and a heavy bill of costs.)

David A. Speer, ex parte.—Chief-Justice TANEY delivered the opinion of the Court. The prayer was for a mandamus to the Territorial Court of Minnesota, requiring the Court to reinstate the petitioner as an attorney of the Court. The power of admitting and dismissing attorneys is strictly *judicial*, and if exercised within the jurisdiction of the Court, a mandamus will not lie. The Chief-Justice remarked that the exercise of this judicial power should not be arbitrary or despotic, but the rights of the bar as well as of the Court should be carefully guarded. Prayer dismissed.

The argument in the case of *Bell* vs. *Hearne* was continued.

Wesley Williams, Garnishee of Edward Malone, Plaintiff in Error, vs. *Hill, McLean & Co.*, Defendants in Error.—This was a plea in debt. The defendant being possessed of no property in the State a writ of garnishment was obtained, and the garnishee answered that he had sold certain property of the debtor to satisfy a mortgage, and a surplus remained in his hands. The surplus, however, had been paid on other debts in his hands, under the direction of Malone, and sundry promissory notes were produced to prove the indebtedness, all dated anterior to the judgment. No consideration for these notes was proven.

Mr. Justice CAMPBELL delivered the opinion of the Court, deciding that the surplus could not be withheld as security for advances made subsequent to the execution of the mortgage deed, although a parol agreement to that effect might be proven. Declarations or admissions of the debtor could not be received as evidence. Such evidence could easily be manufactured.

The writ of garnishment sustained.

Jean Louis Provost, plaintiff in error, vs. *C. E. Gyrenaum*, Treasurer of the State of Louisiana.—Under a statute of Louisiana the estates of deceased foreigners were taxed ten per cent. Provost died in 1851, leaving a large estate to his family in France. In 1853 the treaty with France was negotiated, securing to the citizens of the respective countries exemption from any taxation not imposed on natives. The claim to the Louisiana estates was set up in 1854. The question then arose, was the State tax of ten per cent. due and collected off of these estates.

Chief Justice TANEY delivered the opinion of the Court, holding that the rights of the State attached at the date of the death, in 1851, and could not be divested by treaty stipulations in 1853, although there was no assertion of the right until after the latter date.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Case No. 46.—*Augustus Hemenway*, claimant of ship *Independence*, vs. *William B. Fisher*.—Argument commenced for appellant, and continued for appellee.

United States Court of Claims.

William H. Russel vs. *The United States*.—Judge SCARBOROUGH delivered the opinion of the Court. Claimant was Collector of the District of Monterey, in California, appointed March 13, and sworn in June 23, 1851. The Government disallowed his pay during those periods. The Court say the salary should commence from the date of appointment.

Two other points were decided, viz.:

1. Without the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Government is not liable for expenses incurred by collectors.

2. Volunteers under Col. Fremont were dependent on the action of Congress as regards pay, and their names must appear on the muster rolls to entitle them.

Harvey Holmes vs. *United States*.—Judge BLACKFORD delivered the opinion of the Court.—This was a claim for property destroyed or taken on Lake Champlain by Com. McDonough—and upon the facts proven the Court reported a bill allowing claimants $995 61.

Eglenton & Battell vs. *United States*.—Judge SCARBOROUGH delivered the opinion of the Court.—That duties were chargeable on the price of iron only where purchased, and not where delivered.—BLACKFORD dissenting.

Judge SCARBOROUGH also delivered the favorable opinion of the Court in twelve other cases, claiming refunding of duties where liquors had leaked out of the barrels.—BLACKFORD dissenting in each case.

The Court appointed S. G. GEORGE a commissioner at Vasalia to take testimony.

Col. Forney's Organ on his Defeat.

[Choice Extracts from the Pennsylvanian's leader of yesterday.]

THE BUZZARD'S FEAST.—Yesterday will long be remembered as the most disgraceful day in the political annals of Pennsylvania. Corruption has triumphed—villany has been successful, and CAMERON, whose name is but a synonyme for all that is vile and infamous in politics, has been chosen, not to represent, but to disgrace our noble old Commonwealth in the United States Senate, for the next six years. Despised by every honest man, of all political organizations; proved over and over again to be morally and politically dishonest; false, in turn, to every party—to every political sentiment—to almost every obligation that honorable men respect—a Pennsylvania Legislature has been found weak enough, and base enough, to exalt him to a seat in the highest political assemblage of the country. All are familiar with the many base arts and appliances by which this bold, bad, cunning man, has, for years, ministered to his ambition. * * *

That SIMON CAMERON owes his election to corrupt means no man doubts. The air has been poisoned for months past with rumors of his machinations. His emissaries of corruption have been dispatched to many quarters of the State, and his friends have boasted repeatedly that he had purchased, as much as bought in the shambles, enough miserable money-loving traitors to secure his election. The Democrats who voted for him could by no possibility have had any other than a corrupt motive to actuate him. * * * * * *

The effect of this transaction upon Mr. BUCHANAN, personally, will be rather beneficial than otherwise. Dear as he has always been to the Democracy of Pennsylvania, whom he has served so long and so well, he never occupied so proud a place in their affections as he does at this moment. Stricken down by the shameless treason of three wretches, whose venal hearts are dead to every ennobling sentiment, and who will be remembered, hereafter, only to be despised, and by the frothous spirit of other men from whom the Democracy had a right to expect better conduct, he is beyond the reach of their power, and can well afford to despise their opposition. His fame will gain but new lustre from their censure, and his hold upon the hearts of the people of Pennsylvania will be but strengthened and increased. Glad as we would have been to have seen him represent Pennsylvania in the United States Senate, we doubt not that some other sphere, perhaps of equal honor and usefulness, is reserved for him.

We regret the result of the Senatorial election yesterday, because it entailed dishonor and disgrace upon our Commonwealth, and, if CAMERON is allowed to go into the United States Senate, because that body itself will be dishonored by his presence. We regret it because the Democracy have been taught that they have nurtured in their bosom base miscreants who have rewarded their generous confidence with the vilest baseness and perfidy. We regret it because the clearly ascertained will of the State has been trampled down and overslaughed—the popular sentiment ignored, and because the great principles upon which only the Government can be safely and judiciously administered have lost a noble advocate and friend in the great body where judgment is passed upon the policy of the nation.

THE CANAL ENLARGEMENT.—The Erie Canal is worth more than a river of gold 350 miles long, and four feet deep. The Erie Canal has built up Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica, into great commercial towns, planted five hundred villages, and made this the Empire State; has brought up from New-York every year the cargoes of a dozen fleets; carried down the harvests of an empire, poured a stream of shinking coin into the pockets of "merchant princes," and floated such wealth as never freighted Spanish argosies, all under convoy of two lean horses and a small boy in ragged trowsers. It has set millions of laborers to work in the lumber forests of the North, the salt wells of Syracuse, the wheat fields of the Genesee Valley and the prairies; cheapened the cost of the spade in the farmer's hands, the cord on his back, and the oxen in his yoke with less, more than all the repeals of all the iron duties, wool duties and sugar duties that ever were talked about in Congress. It has done all this, besides paying for itself, and yielding a handsome revenue to the State.

IS IT, now, when population and business have doubled, some short-sighted politicians hesitate whether it will be safe to increase the size of the Canal to meet it.—*Albany Evening Journal.*

Another Letter from Col. Benton—Still Harping on Ladies.

From the National Intelligencer, Jan. 13.

WESTERN HOTEL, BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 9, 1857.

MESSRS. GALES & SEATON: In my letter dated on Christmas day, and kindly inserted in your columns, I made some off-hand remarks for the purpose of recommending the use of the word "woman," instead of "lady." There is certainly nothing to which SHAKESPEARE's maxim more fully applies, that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet;" but I confess to a strong preference of the now unfashionable term over the more elegant one so frequently substituted for it.

In stating my objections to the latter, I observed that it was not found in the Bible, nor in any Greek or Roman book; and this remark has not only procured for me the honor of several private communications, but has been the subject of comment—loose and serious—in many respectable journals. May I ask the accustomed courtesy of the *Intelligencer* for the insertion of a collective reply?

As I was writing a letter currente calamo, and not delivering a philological lecture, I did not enter at length or with technical precision into the subject; but what I meant to say and what I did say was, that the word to which I objected was not found in any Greek or Roman book nor in the Bible. It is sufficiently apparent,

THE NEW-YORK STATE CANALS.

Tonnage—Railroad Competition—Retrospection of Tolls.

From the Annual Report of the Canal Auditor.

It will be observed that the receipts from passenger traffic by the railroads has not been brought into the comparison, except incidentally. The relative position of the Canals and the two lines of railway, in regard to the freighting business, form the only legitimate subject of inquiry and comparison.

The following statement shows the tonnage of all the Canals of the State from 1850 to 1856, inclusive, the total movement in the years stated, and the total value of all the property carried on the Canals in each year:

TONNAGE ON CANALS.

Years.	Total tonnage.	Total movement.	Total value of property carried.
1850	2,070,617	.....	$155,297,729
1851	2,569,782	.....	189,981,801
1852	2,869,441	900,000,616	196,000,617
1853	4,347,852	700,000,000	207,179,576
1854	4,105,903	900,000,044	210,804,819
1855	4,022,617	610,170,651	204,590,147

The two lines of railway in the State, which, during the season of Canal navigation, most effectually and certainly compete with the Canals in the transport of freight, are the New-York and Erie and the New-York Central Railroads. The operations of these lines in the transportation of freight during the years stated below, show a steady and progressive increase:

In 1853 the whole number of tons carried on the New-York and Erie was 631,000. Total movement, 101,000,000. In 1854 the tons carried were 745,350 and the total movement 120,000,000.

In 1853 the whole number of tons carried on the New-York Central Railroad was only 360,000, which includes 15,000 tons through, east and west.

In 1854 the whole number of tons carried on the same road was 543,000, and the total movement 81,[illegible]. The tonnage of both of these roads in 1855, through and local, was 747,000.

In 1855 the tonnage of either of the roads exceeded that amount.

The operations of these roads for the year ending Sept. 30, 1855, were as follows:

Roads.	Tons of freight.	Tons of through way freight.	Total number movement local freight.	Total number movement through freight.	Total tons or mileage.	Tolls at canal rates in 1855.
N. Y. and Erie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. Y. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

For the year ending September 30, 1856, we have the following results:

Roads.	Tons of freight.	Tons of through way freight.	Total number movement local freight.	Total number movement through freight.	Total tons or mileage.	Tolls at canal rates in 1856.
N. Y. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. Y. and Erie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The New-York and Erie Railroad received on through freight in 1856, $1,067,419 16, equal to $9 40 per ton, on the quantity transported, and in the same year the New-York Central received $1,003,106 97 on through freight, which gives an average of $8 35 7-10 per ton on the amount carried.

The act, chapter 407 of the Laws of 1851, releasing certain railroads from the payment of Canal tolls on freight transported thereon took effect on the 1st of January, 1852. The consolidation of the several railway lines now constituting the New-York Central Railroad did not take effect until 1853, and not in them, probably, for the new company to increase its equipment and rolling stock to an extent materially to interfere with the freighting business of the Canal during that year. The whole tonnage of all the Canals the same year was 4,347,852. But it will be seen by reference to the above account, that in 1854 and 1855 there was a steady and gradual falling off in tonnage from that of 1853, amounting to 225,949 tons in 1854, while that tonnage on the New-York and Erie Railroad had increased from 1853 to 1855, 211,015 tons, and on the New-York Central in one year, 189,265 tons. The railroad reports do not give us the means of ascertaining how much of this increased tonnage was transitable not transportable on the Canals. The bulk of that traffic, however, in 1855, does not, it is supposed, reach 50,000 tons. We cannot, with any approximate of being believed, that the freight traffic between Lakes Erie and Ontario and the Hudson River and New-York City has decreased since 1853. Our statistical tables show a steady and nearly progressive increase from 1836, when the tonnage of all the canals amounted, in 1837, when it reached its maximum of 1,097,000 tons. This railroad competition not only takes the tonnage of freight, but the character of the freight carried. If canals paying the rates of toll on the canals are not seriously diverted, while merchandise so called, and that class of freight called "selling" become objects for competition. This fact appears to be established by reference to our statistical tables.

In 1853 there were 887,749 tons of freight, the produce of this State, delivered at tide water by the way of the Erie Canal, and in 1855 there were only 337,259 tons of the like produce arriving in the same way. Decrease in two years, 550,909 tons.

The tons of freight, the produce of the Western States or Canada, arriving at tide-water through the same channel, were:

In 1853	1,312,960
In 1855	1,029,[illegible]
Decrease in two years	196,[illegible]
The merchandise going to other States by the way of Buffalo and Oswego, in 1853, amounted to	361,788 tons.
In 1855	320,466 tons.
Decrease	41,[illegible] tons.

The estimated value of the merchandise having the above destination, in 1853, was $94,230,730
In 1855 79,267,700
Decrease ..... $14,[illegible]

The estimated value of merchandise per ton of 2,000 pounds, was very nearly the same in both years, the average being $260 within a small fraction.

Freight classed as merchandise pays the highest rates of toll on the Canal, and the great bulk of the products of the Western States which seek an Eastern market pays the next highest. Our comparative statements, showing the same results and pointing to the causes of the present depressed trade on the Canals, might be exhibited. But enough has been given to show that this depression must be looked for in some other direction than their want of capacity, great as this time, to sustain a traffic two-fold larger than it has been for some years past.

In 1851, with a tonnage of 2,569,782, the receipts of the Canals during the season of navigation were $3,320,[illegible] the largest amount received in any one year since that time. The next year, 1852, the tolls fell off only $311,453, owing to the reduction of the rates to meet railway competition anticipated by reason of the exemption of the railroads from paying tolls, although in that year the tonnage was considerably increased over the previous year. In 1853, with an increased tonnage of nearly three-quarters of a million over that of 1851, the tolls were $125,000 less, while in 1855, although the tonnage was very nearly half a million larger than in 1851, the tolls received were $[illegible] less than in 1851. With two great railroads touching Lake Erie at the western terminus of the Erie Canal, and connecting with the Great Western Railway of Canada West, which is but a connecting link with the railroads running through Michigan, leading to Chicago, and the great West, the one traversing the southern tier of counties of this State and connecting our internal canals at Buffalo; the other running on the line of the Erie Canal, whose stations and depôts are found in every city and village where collectors' offices have been established, and where freight shipments are made, both of these possessing large pecuniary means amply provided with equipment for the purposes of their business, and well conducted in every department of traffic, both passenger and freight, can it be possible that the State is not affected injuriously in its canal revenues, when thrown into competition with corporations like those above described, conducted by men of great experience, skill and judgment?

The receipts from tolls during the season of navigation in 1851, gave an average of nearly 93 cents per ton; and the receipts from tolls in 1855 averaged about 80 cents per ton; while tolls of 1851 on the tonnage of 1854 would have given 69¾ cents per ton average.

These averages of tolls are taken on the tonnage of all the canals, and they are not materially affected either one way or the other by the increase or diminution of tonnage on the lateral canals.

The competition to which allusion has been made, viewing it merely in the light of commercial benefits to the people of this State, without regard to the interest of the State in the canals, is not quite so beneficent in its effects as some people are inclined to believe. The total movement of freight on the railroads for the year 1855 may be set down at two-fifths of that of the canals. This covers the whole year, while the canals are navigable only about seven months, and in this time the large and heavy business to and from the Western States and lake region at the North is crowded into the year, add 1,194,225 tons of freight passed over the canals coming from and destined to points beyond, which is largely benefited by the low rates allowed upon the forwarding interests by this route, having about one-fifth of the railroad tonnage for its outward freight or way freight, and for the small bounty of having about half of this carried, at rather reduced rates in the summer, the public would then habitually cost the loss to the carrier, by paying full freight rates on the Western freights. These illustrations are repeated, considered and take effect in the minds of our legislative bodies.

The annual report of these railroads for the year ending the 30th of September, 1856, deserves special notice. The New-York Central during this year carried 812,464 tons of flour, or 1,949,128 barrels. All but 52,[illegible] tons or 489,000 barrels was carried during canal navigation. June and September last were the heaviest months for this article. Of the 776,112 tons of flour of all classes transported on the road during that year, 500,[illegible] tons were carried when the canals were navigable. This discovery of the argument heretofore urged forward, that the heaviest freighting is done by the railroads while the canals are closed.

The freight earnings of the road for the year are set down at [illegible], and the transportation expenses charged to freight amounted to $2,[illegible] 54, [illegible] per cent of the gross earnings on this branch of business.

The transportation expenses charged to passenger traffic amounted to $[illegible] 44, [illegible] per cent of the gross earnings for the year on that service.

A reply to the often-repeated assertion, that railroad companies do not make any profit on their freight traffic is here given.

The report of the New-York Central Company for the year ending Sept. 30, 1856, shows that the transportation expenses for the year are 56[illegible] per cent on passenger and freight business. That the net earnings, after paying interest on debt, contribution to debt certificate sinking fund and transportation expenses, is equal to 10.097 per cent on the capital stock drawing dividend.

The net earnings on the passenger traffic were only 36.74 per cent; on the freight traffic 52.94 per cent; average on both, 47.29 per cent.

The limitation of this Company to a charge of two cents a mile on passengers, imposed by the act of consolidation, and the competition with the New-York and Erie in both passenger and freight business, compels the latter to carry through passengers at the rate charged by the New-York Central Company, but it appears from the reports of the New-York and Erie Railroad that 2.5 cents are charged on first-class way passengers. If the Central Company could have charged the same rate on that class of passengers, and had done so, its receipts on the business for the year would have been increased nearly $500,000, at an additional average expense of twenty cents each on the 2,595,105 carried.

The average rate of fare charged per mile on all classes of passengers was 1.93 cents, and it cost 1.34 cents per mile for carriage of each, leaving for net earnings per mile 0.9 mills. While the net passenger earnings will pay about five per cent on the dividend capital, the net freight earnings will pay nearly 10 per cent.

The above statement of facts illustrated the policy and practical results of existing legislation as regards the canals and principal competing lines of railway from the Hudson River and New-York to the Lakes and Canada. The railroad passenger business is so much restricted in price, that the net earnings from that traffic does not give a fair dividend on the capital, while the free trade in the freight business not only makes up the loss, but enables the railroad directions to make their ordinary dividends from the freight earnings alone, and lay by a small surplus.

If the present and prospective condition of the Canal Finances of the State, while taxes are annually levied in aid of them, a large portion of the people who seldom see and never ride on the railroads, are taxed to give low passenger fare to those who do, whether citizens of the State or not, and to give dividends to railway shareholders.

When the railroads from Albany to Buffalo were chartered, it was supposed the State would lose all the tolls on packet boats and passengers, as soon as the lines were completed and opened for traffic. In 1836, these tolls amounted to nearly $100,000; in 1840, to $86,616; in 1845, to $1,825; and in 1846, they touched zero. It was not until 1856, however, that the railroads succeeded in taking all or nearly all the emigrant passengers from the canals.

Although in examining the question as to the imposition of tolls on railroads, the operations of the two large lines only have been presented, the Auditor intends these remarks shall cover the whole ground, and apply to all companies whose freight traffic operates injuriously to the Canal revenues, and which were released by the act of 1851 from paying tolls imposed by the act of 1847.

The gross earnings of the New-York and Erie Railroad the last year have been, from passengers, $1,056,[illegible] 07; from freight, $4,545,751; total, $6,349,050. And the transportation expenses for the year are stated in the report of this Company at 49.06 per cent of the gross earnings.

The aggregate of the net earnings of these two roads on freight alone during the year may be set down at $2,456,011. Earnings that go to compensate capital for its use; while the net income from canal tolls during the same period was $2,[illegible],500.

During the season of navigation in 1855, there was carried on all the canals of the State 169,435 tons of flour, 1,009,206 barrels; and from a careful estimate, founded upon facts in possession of the Department, the shipments of flour by the canals the last season will not exceed 1,100,000 barrels.

It has for years been urged, and with much apparent plausibility to the minds of those who were not fully acquainted with the facts, that railroads could not successfully compete with the canals in the transportation of freight, and it was no doubt owing to the prevalence of this belief, that the Legislature in 1851 consented to relinquish the tolls on freight carried by [illegible] will haul a train [illegible] Albany in [illegible] with a loaded train of 100 tons [illegible] each way over the road from Buffalo to Albany and back, and deliver 600 tons at each point.

But to state the case in other words, one locomotive and freight train will perform four times the service in delivering freight one way that a canal boat can of like capacity, and eight times as much when loaded both ways.

Eight canal boats of 150 tons capacity, starting at the same time from Buffalo, will deliver 1,200 tons at tide water in eight days, while eight freight trains can deliver, 4,800 tons in the same time, taken from and left at the same points.

The Constitution of 1846 imposed the duty upon the Legislature of providing for the payment by the Canal Fund, to the General Fund, of $250,000 per annum for the two-fold object of paying the interest on what was known as the General Fund Debt, and to defray the ordinary expenses of the Government, which, it was then well understood, could not be met from any other source except by direct taxation upon the people of the State. A constitutional obligation not only rested upon the Legislature but also upon the Canal Board, and the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, to take care that the revenues arising from tolls should not be diverted, or so impaired, as at any time to be insufficient to meet the constitutional charges upon them. It is true the Constitution of 1846, does not, like that of 1821, refer to and fix the rates of tolls which could not be altered or changed, except in the way pointed out; but the Auditor respectfully submits, that the direction to appropriate and pay certain specified sums out of the revenues of the canals, implies an obligation and authority to impose such rates of toll, as would be adequate to meet the demands upon them. This question was well considered, settled and acted upon, soon after the Constitution of 1846 was ratified. The Auditor is not aware there was ever any departure from the rule, that rates of toll were to be fixed solely in view to revenue. Several laws granting bounties, or allowing drawbacks on salt and coal transported on the canals, became a dead letter, or were repealed, as infringing upon the Constitution.

At the time the Constitution of 1846 was framed and adopted, some of the railroads that were released from paying tolls, by the act of 1851, were entirely prohibited by their charters, from carrying freight upon any conditions, and others were allowed to carry freight on condition of paying tolls. Would the Legislature, in view of these constitutional pledges, have repealed these restrictions entirely and unconditionally, if the fact had been known, that the competition allowed, would have reduced the tolls below a fair revenue standard, that would meet these contributions? The Legislature of 1847 did not think so. By the act, chap. 270, of the Laws 1847, the railroad companies whose charters prohibited the transportation of freight upon them were relieved from the restrictions, and they were allowed to take and transport upon their railways, all goods, chattels and property that might be offered, and these companies, as a condition of the grant, were required to pay into the Treasury of the State, the same tolls per mile, on all property, as would have been paid on them from the point of receipt, to the point of delivery, had they been transported on the Erie Canal.

The same act also provides and declares that the tolls collected for freight transported on railroads should be deemed to belong to the Canal Fund, and should be paid over and applied in the same manner as tolls collected on freight transported on the canals; and it is not believed that any other direction could have been properly given to these receipts.

The act of 1847 was not considered an infringement of the sixth section of the 7th article, for the reason that it did not alienate any part or portion of the income of the canals. If the Legislature cannot "sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the canals of the State," it is difficult to perceive by what authority their revenues, known, fixed and enjoyed when the Constitution was adopted, can be alienated. The canals must "remain the property of the State and under its management." The State held an ungranted franchise in 1846, which secured to its citizens a sure and certain immunity from all future burdens in regard to a class of specified public claims. Should prove that franchise be alienated before all the beneficial objects for which it was held, has been satisfied. If the State can grant away any portion of the canal revenues permanently, it can dispose of the whole of them without reserve.

The act to abolish tolls on railroads was passed as a majority bill on the 10th of July, 1851. As printed in the Session Laws it does not appear, that a three-fifth quorum was present, nor was it passed by a two-third vote. Its provisions are:

SEC. 1. It shall not be necessary for any railroad company in this State to pay any sums of money into the Treasury of the State, on account of the transportation of property on any railroad on and after the first day of December, 1851.

SEC. 2. It shall not be necessary after the said first day of December next, for any railroad company to make to the Comptroller, monthly statements of the property carried on its railroad.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts requiring the payment of State tolls by any railroad company, for the transportation of property on any railroad, are, after the said first day of December next, so far as they conflict with this act, hereby repealed.

The act of 1847 conferred upon certain railroad companies a right and privilege or a franchise which the State held in trust for the benefit of its creditors. The grant was made upon conditions that could not, if faithfully performed, have produced any public injury, or violated the public faith; those conditions were the payment into the Treasury in such manner as the State should prescribe and direct, such a fixed sum per ton per mile on all freight carried by the roads as would be payable for tolls if transported on the canals.

There was no compulsory obligation imposed on the railroads to transport goods and property on their roads, but if they did so, then they agreed to pay a compensation to the State for the privilege. Some of these companies had not until the act of 1847, any right to receive compensation for the carriage of freight.

These questions are presented for solution:

Did not the act of 1851 release, discharge or commute some claim or demand of the State? If so, it can have no constitutional efficacy, unless it was voted for by a majority of all the members elected to each House, when a three-fifth quorum was present.

Did the act appropriate public money or property for local or private purposes? If it did, then it could have no constitutional validity, except with the assent of two-thirds of the members elected to each branch of the Legislature.

If the Legislature cannot sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the canals of the State, can it sell, lease or in any manner alienate or dispose of the profits, income or tolls of the same?

Can the Legislature, by direct action of any kind, so reduce the canal tolls so as to render the surplus insufficient to meet the trusts constitutionally charged upon them? or, in other words, would a law be valid which fixed the tolls at so low a rate, as to produce only income sufficient to pay the "expenses of collection, superintendence and ordinary repairs," and leave the trust funds to be provided for in some other way?

It has been urged that the reclamation of the railroad tolls, given away in 1851, would be an exertion of power, hurtful to trade and commerce, and obnoxious to the charge of establishing monopoly in the transportation of merchandise and property to market.

If the question was confined to the repeal of the act of 1847, and the reimposition of the restrictions upon the railroad companies, which were in force when that act was passed, there might be some grounds for urging such an argument, but that is not now the question to be disposed of. It is no more nor less than this: Will the State, to redeem its obligations, resort to the capacity and income of the canals to enable it to maintain its high and commanding position; or will it cripple the capacity of its public works, by surrendering to corporations, which are but the mere creatures of its will, the power to take so much of the carrying trade as may suit their pleasure or purpose, and thereby, from loss of revenue, be compelled to turn round and levy a tax upon the people to replenish an exhausted treasury, and enable it to perform its whole duty to the public creditors.

The peculiar constitutional restrictions imposed upon the Legislature, in respect to finance and the creation of debt, may at times cause embarrassments which are difficult to be surmounted, and those embarrassments are very much aggravated by a non-adherence to a settled line of policy, until some reliable results are ascertained.

The sufficiency of the present canal revenues to pay the debt now charged upon them, and to meet other charges which have been, and must be, incurred, whether the public works are pressed to completion or are now suspended, is quite as problematical as almost any other depending on future solution.

The diversion of trade to other channels of communication between the points of production and market, the changes in the lines of transit, and the opening of new markets, may, in the period of ten years, bear so severely upon our canal traffic, as to reduce the tolls to a mere nominal sum. Then the negotiation of a loan upon the credit of the Sinking Fund, to supply the deficiency of revenue to pay interest, will not be found of easy accomplishment. And these equitable taxes required by the Constitution to be imposed to support the credit of these Sinking Funds, will be considered by those who are called upon to pay them as quite inequitable.

It is difficult to see the justice or the right, or even the expediency of our loading posterity with a debt of our own creation, when the heritage we give them therefor is a poor, old worn out and dilapidated canal, whose income from year to year we have handed over to the pockets of private individuals instead of applying it to the payment of this inheritable public debt.

That the Auditor may not be misunderstood or misrepresented in reference to the subject which has elicited the above remarks, he desires to say, that he has not now, and never had, any doubts of the ability of the canals of the State to keep themselves in repair, pay the interest on the debt incurred for their construction, and ultimately to liquidate the principal of the debt, if they can have what the original projectors and the people of the State designed they should have, the benefits arising from the carrying trade along the lines of their location, and that which would be drawn to them from other States, affording, as it was expected they would, the cheapest facilities for transmission of property to market of any in the country.

If the owners and shippers of the marketable produce of the country can afford to pay fifty per cent more for transmission by railway over that by canals, in consequence of the difference in time and the certainty of reaching market when prices fluctuate, it should be remembered that the State has created those railway facilities, not alone by the exertion of [illegible] power in calling those corporations into [illegible] the grant of three millions of dollars [illegible] the credit in several others, [illegible] without [illegible] roads would not have been completed [illegible]

If [illegible] the State to interpose [illegible] deprived of the full income of her canals, [illegible] not be allowed to say, that the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, opened the facilities for planting an empire at the West which now compares favorably in population and production with the old thirteen States in 1774, and that the development of production and trade consequent upon the construction of the canals, now brings to the railways a traffic, the annual receipts from which far exceeds the original cost of the Erie Canal.

If the imposition of tolls on freight conveyed by railroads is not required to enable the State to satisfy the just claims upon the treasury, then it should not be done.

But if it appears that by railway direction and competition, the trade and traffic on the canals is seriously impaired, and that the revenues so diminished and diverted as not to be sufficient to satisfy the annual charges upon them, such an exigency must justify the act of reclamation.

In considering this question, we should lay entirely out of view the annual Sinking Fund of $1,700,000, which the State receives and disposes of as a trustee for its creditors, and which can only be applied to the objects of the trust. It is unavailable for any other purpose. The same remark may be made in regard to the $250,000 annual contribution to the Sinking Fund of the General Fund debt.

In this view of the question it is a financial fallacy to say these tolls are not wanted to pay the interest on the new debt of $11,000,000, while the present deficiency continues. This process of borrowing money to pay the annual interest, will increase that debt about $11,000,000 more by the 1st of January, 1872, if the bottom of the loan bag shall not be sooner reached.

The canals and railroads of the State may be parts of a single system of internal improvements, but it by no means follows that when there is antagonism of interest between different lines of railroad, there can be none between the canals and railroads, especially when the lines are all competing.

The relative rights and interest of all the parties concerned in them, must be examined, adjusted and disposed of, as the best interests of the whole State, and not of any particular class of persons may seem to require. It could not have been the object of the projectors of our canals, that the cost of their completion should be thrown as a burthen upon the public, to be removed by an annual tax, while those who invested capital in railroads, with a view to a profitable return, were mainly recompensed by competing with the State for the legitimate trade and commerce of the canals.

Business Before the Legislature.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1857.

THE WESTERN HOUSE OF REFUGE.

This Institution has suffered much from the failure of the last Legislature to appropriate towards its support the usual State stipend. Since the 1st of last October, the managers have been compelled to conduct its affairs entirely on credit; and they now memorialize the Legislature for the usual appropriation of $20,000, and for $15,000 additional to make up for deficiency, both sums to go into the account of 1855. Together with their memorial comes the annual report of the managers. Since the opening of the Institution in 1849, there have been received into the House 719 boys. The number in the House on the 1st of January was 226, the average age of whom is about 13 years. Their parentage is as follows: American, 52; Irish, 60; German, 19; English, 14; French, 6; colored, 1; Scotch, 2. Of the 162 committed during the last year, 114 were for petit larceny, 15 for burglary, 5 for grand larceny, 1 for dangerous assault, and 20 for dangerous. Of their domestic condition, 49 had lost their fathers; 26 their mothers; 14 both parents; 49 had intemperate parents; 7 both parents intemperate, and of 11 the parents were separated. The boys that left the Institution during the year have been disposed of as follows: Indentured to or placed with

Farmers	48	Chairmakers	2
Carpenters	4	Shoemakers	2
Nurserymen	3		

The avails of the boys' labor for the year aggregates $12,101. The report contains extracts from many letters received by the Superintendent from boys who have been discharged from the House, of which the following is a fair example:

DEAR FRIEND: It is the Sabbath, a fit time to collect thoughts and write to friends. I often think of you and of all the circumstances connected with my stay with you, and often do I reproach myself for the many unpleasant hours spent there, rendered such by my own vicious conduct. I have spent many pleasant days with you. Also, thanks to your care and kindness. * * * * * * *

I have been ever since with the gentleman with whom I engaged when I left you. I was first employed as an office boy, but have been promoted as I merited it, and am growing up in his business, receiving a good salary for my services, which enables me to move in a good circle of society. Who will tell me that a life of virtue and industry does not yield the rewards of happiness and prosperity? * *

Yours, JAS. M.

This boy had run a very wild career, and was sent to the Lee House on conviction of highway robbery.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

Mr. STEWARD, last evening, introduced a bill in relation to charitable institutions supported or assisted by the State, and to city or county poor and work-houses, and to create a Board of Visitors of the same. It is the same bill which was before the Legislature at its last session, save in one particular. It now authorizes the Governor to appoint three instead of two persons, to be approved of by the Senate, who shall constitute this Board. It gives the Visitors full power to look into the condition of the several institutions which they shall be authorized to visit, financial and otherwise, their methods of instruction, and the government, management and treatment of their inmates. The Visitors are to receive no compensation for their time and services, but shall be paid only their actual expenses.

MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.

Mr. WADSWORTH brought in a bill to-day, which provides that the town and county in which the principal part of the business of any manufacturing, mining, mechanical, or chemical company is conducted, shall be deemed its principal place of business, under the act of 1848, providing for the incorporation of such companies.

FLUSHING FEMALE ACADEMY.

Mr. EIDER introduced a bill which provides for changing the name of the Literary Institution located at Flushing, to Queens County.

ASSESSMENTS ON INCORPORATED COMPANIES.

Mr. KELLY's bill in relation to the assessment of taxes on incorporated Companies provides as follows:

1. Repeals sec. 14, title 4, chap. 19, part 1 of Revised Statutes, and secs. 9 and 10, of said title as amended by chap. 254 Laws of 1853.

2. Amends sec. 15 of said title to read as follows: The amount of taxes assessed on all incorporated Companies liable to taxation shall be set down by the Board of Supervisors in the fifth column of the corrected assessment roll, and shall form a part of the moneys to be collected by the Collectors.

3. The capital stock of every Company liable to taxation, except such part of it as shall have been excepted in the assessment roll, or as shall have been exempted by law, together with its surplus profits or reserve funds exceeding 10 per cent of its capital, after deducting the assessed value of its real estate, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner as the other personal and real estate of the county.

4. The act takes effect immediately.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

The bill introduced by Mr. BACON, relative to this institution, authorizes its trustees to purchase a piece of property, situated in the Nineteenth Ward, which is bounded northerly by the southerly side of Fiftieth-street, southerly by the northerly side of Forty-ninth-street, easterly by a line parallel with and 100 feet distant westerly from the westerly side of Fourth-avenue, and westerly by a line parallel with and 100 feet distant, easterly, from the easterly side of Fifth-avenue.

TO REGULATE THE RATE OF INTEREST.

The following is the bill which Mr. RICHARDSON of Utica proposes:

SEC. 1. The interest upon, or for the loan, or forbearance of money, goods, or things in action, shall be at the rate of $7 upon $100 for one year, and after that rate for a greater or less sum, or for a longer or shorter time.

SEC. 2. Whenever in any action it shall appear by the pleadings or proofs, or either, that a greater rate of interest has been directly or indirectly reserved, taken or received, upon the loan or forbearance of any money, goods or things in action, or by or on account of any bond, promissory note, bill of exchange, draft, security, or other subject-matter of the suit, the plaintiff may recover the principal and interest at the rate named in first section of this act, and no more; and, provided the plaintiff shall claim or demand judgment in such action for more than such principal and interest, the defendant shall recover his full costs against the plaintiff.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of calculating interest a month shall be considered a twelfth part of a year, and as consisting of thirty days, and interest for any number of days less than a month shall be estimated by the proportion which such number of days shall bear to thirty.

SEC. 4. Whenever in any written or verbal contract, any certain rate of interest is or shall be mentioned, and no period of time is stated for which such note is to be calculated, interest shall be calculated at the rate mentioned.

NEW-YORK STATE INEBRIATE ASYLUM.

The act for the incorporation of this Asylum was introduced into the Senate to-day. It names JOHN W. FRANCIS, WASHINGTON HUNT, A. G. PHELPS, E. A. LAMBERT, BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, R. H. WALWORTH, E. W. LEAVENWORTH, CHARLES H. RUGGLES, and their associates, its first trustees. It provides that all persons who shall subscribe $10 shall become members of the body, with the right to cast one vote for the Trustees of the Asylum. The institution, when established, shall have power to retain all inebriates who, after the Asylum, either voluntarily or by the order of the Court, [illegible] nine, or [illegible] require it. The [illegible] employed [illegible] full occupation [illegible] save all the money [illegible] deducting the expenses of their support, which shall be sent to their families monthly. If [illegible] families it shall be paid to him or her at their discharge. The power of committing of persons to the Asylum is delegated to all County and District Judges of the State, the committal to be made on the proof of the certificates of two experienced and reliable physicians, that said person is laboring under the disease of inebriety, has lost self-control, is not safe to remain at large, and should be sent to said Asylum. Each Senatorial District shall be entitled to one or more of the forty trustees who are to be at the head of the Institution.

In the House, Mr. GROSS introduced a bill to "Restrict the sale of Intoxicating Drinks," which imposes a fine of $25 for selling intoxicating liquors in any place whatever to be drank on the premises; for adulterating the same, 3 months' imprisonment and $150 fine; for selling to apprentices or servants, $25 fine; for selling or giving to intoxicated persons, $25 fine; for selling on Sunday, except to the sick, $25 fine. On the representation of a wife that her husband is a habitual drinker, the overseer of the poor shall give written notice to the seller not to sell to said husband for a year under penalty of $50 and costs. Other persons may inform the overseer with like effect. Persons keeping hotels, taverns, &c., shall not keep gaming tables. Any person falsely representing that he wants liquor for other persons shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the Court. All officers are required to make arrests when they know the law has been violated; and also arrest intoxicated persons found in the streets. The act excepts methegelin, domestic wines and cider, but punishes their adulteration. If the overseers of the poor neglect to prosecute within ten days after complaint, any person may prosecute, by giving security for costs in case of non-recovery of judgment. Courts are required to instruct Grand Juries, and the act takes effect immediately.

Mr. MERRIHAM introduced a bill for the removal of Quarantine. It is about the same proposition which was made to the Legislature last Winter by Richmond County through its representative. It provides that the Governor shall appoint three citizens, who, together with the President of the Commissioners of Emigration and the Health Officer, shall constitute a Board of Commissioners to procure the necessary grounds and erect buildings for a Quarantine station. The station may be located within the territorial limits of the State of New-Jersey, if permission can be procured from that State. The sum of $100,000 is appropriated out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act; which sum shall be repaid from moneys received by the sale of the present Quarantine grounds and buildings. The Commissioners are allowed $5 per day for actual service.

Mr. VARNUM brought in a bill providing for an amendment of the law relative to partnerships. The amendment allows special partners to take part in the transaction of business; put prohibits them from signing checks.

Mr. JONES brought in a bill to amend the Insurance Company Incorporating Act by allowing companies, in order to furnish additional security to members and stockholders, to unite any amount of cash capital, over and above their premiums and stock notes. This cash capital shall be left open for accumulation, and shall be loaned and invested as already provided, and it shall be liable for debts.

Mr. VARNUM brought in a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Commercial Trust Company of New-York." The following names, among others, are in the bill: Jonathan Sturges, Moses H. Grinnell, William H. Aspinwall, James Boorman Johnston, James K. Souter, William E. Dodge, John Thompson, Edward Cunning, Myron H. Clark, Bradford R. Wood, David Dudley Field, Joshua A. Spencer, Hamilton Fish, James S. Wadsworth, and John Vanderbilt. In addition to the general powers granted corporations, it provides the following: 1. They may receive moneys in trust, and accumulate the same, but not beyond the times allowed by law, at such rate of interest as they can obtain or agree upon, and allow such interest as may be agreed upon, but not exceeding the legal rate in either case. 2. They may accept and execute all legal trusts which may be committed to them by any person or persons. 3. They may receive and accept the appointment of agent for the transfer of stocks. The remainder of the provisions, such as holding and conveying real estate for the purpose of the corporation, are similar to those of other like acts. Mr. MERRIHAM introduced a new bill, entitled "An act in relation to the election of Superintendents of the Poor in the County of Kings," which provides that the county shall be divided into five districts, from each of which a Superintendent shall be elected, and reside in the district. Removal from the district shall vacate the office. The districts shall be: *First*—First, Third, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth Wards of the city of Brooklyn; *Second*—Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh and Nineteenth Wards of said city; *Third*—Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Wards of said city; *Fourth*—Of the towns Flatbush, New-Lotts and Flatlands; *Fifth*—New-Utrecht and Gravesend. At the general election in 1857 a Superintendent of the Poor shall be elected for the First and Second Districts, to take and hold office from the 1st of January, 1858, and their successors shall be elected in like manner every three years. So also for the other districts, making the time conform to the period of expiration of office of present incumbents.

Mr. MULLIGAN brought in a bill relating to the purchase of supplies for the support of the poor and other inmates of the public institutions of the County of Kings, which provides that the Board of Supervisors shall have power to make such laws and regulations as they may deem necessary for the purchase of supplies, either by contract or otherwise. They may appoint a storekeeper, with such principal and assistants as deemed necessary, to take custody of the supplies. The Board may prescribe the duties of the officer compared, and fix and pay their salaries, and they shall serve under oath. Provision is made for defraying the expenses of their officers, and they are required to give bonds. None of these officers, or superior officers, or other officers, shall be interested in any contract. The Board of Supervisors may, at just cause, impeach the Superintendents or other officers connected with the department. The present Superintendents are restricted in making contracts to the time within the 1st of August next, and all moneys received by them must be paid over to the County Treasurer within ten days of the receipt thereof, and all payments for articles or services shall be made by the County Treasurer.

A NEW CITY CHARTER.

The Reforms that Mayor Wood Wants.

The Charter Proposed by the Committee of the Common Council.

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

SEC. 1. The Corporation, or body corporate, now existing and known by the name of "the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York," shall remain and continue to be a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name of "the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, in all courts and places, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, plaints, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, and of what nature and kind whatever, in as full and ample manner and form as any citizen; and shall be capable to take, purchase, hold, receive and enjoy, and to sell, demise, mortgage, assign, dispose of, and convey in fee, for life or lives, or for years, or in any other manner any property, real or personal, of what nature, kind or quality whatsoever; and may and shall have and use a common seal, and may alter or change the same at their pleasure; and shall have, and continue to exercise and enjoy, all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises heretofore and hitherto belonging to it; and shall have power to make all needful laws, by-laws and regulations, for the municipal government of said City, and for the laying, assessing and collecting all taxes necessary for the payment of the expenses of the City government.

SEC. 2. The legislative power of the Corporation of the City of New-York shall be vested in a Board of Aldermen and a Board of Councilmen, who, together, shall form the Common Council of the City. The Board of Aldermen shall consist of one Alderman from each Ward, who shall be elected by the people of the respective Wards for two years. The Aldermen and Council now in office shall continue to discharge the duties of their offices until the expiration of the period for which they were elected. The Wards having an even numerical designation shall elect Aldermen at the election for charter offices in 1857, and biennially thereafter. The Wards having an odd numerical designation, shall elect Aldermen at the charter election in 1858, and biennially thereafter.

SEC. 3. The Board of Councilmen shall consist of thirty members, to be elected at the Charter Election of each year from thirty Council Districts, of as equal population as may be with contiguous territory; and it shall be the duty of the Common Council after every census, whether of the Federal or the State Government, to fix District the City accordingly. Each Councilman shall hold his office for one year, and all charter officers to be elected by the people shall be chosen at the Charter Election, to be held on the first Tuesday of April, in each year; and the laws of the State regulating elections, shall apply to elections of charter officers; but the Common Council may, by law, extend the time for the canvass of the votes.

SEC. 4. The Board of Aldermen shall have power to direct a special election to be held to supply the place of any Alderman whose seat shall become vacant by death, removal from the City, resignation or otherwise; and the Board of Councilmen shall also have power to direct a special election to supply any vacancy that may occur in the Board of Councilmen; and in both cases the person elected to supply the vacancy shall hold his seat only for the residue of the term of office of his immediate predecessor.

SEC. 5. The two Boards shall meet in separate chambers, and a majority of each shall be a quorum to do business. Each Board shall appoint a President from its own body, and shall also choose its clerk and other officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, and be the judge of the election, returns and qualifications of its own members. Each Board shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and the doors of each shall be kept open, except when the public welfare shall require secrecy, and all resolutions [illegible] committees which shall recommend [illegible] improvement involving the appropriation of money; or taxing or assessing the [illegible] shall be published immediately after [ill

under the provisions of this Act, shall be required to purchase, at a fair appraised valuation, the boats, buildings, or other property of the former lessee or grantee, actually necessary for the purposes of such ferry, grant, or franchise. Previous notice of all sales ordered to be made by virtue of this Act, shall be given, under the direction of the Comptroller, for thirty days, in the newspaper designated by the Corporation.

Sec. 7. No person shall be excused from, or contract exempted in any manner, who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter to the City or Corporation, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Sec. 8. No money shall be expended by the Corporation for any celebration, procession, or entertainment of any kind; or on any occasion, except for the celebration of the anniversary of the National Independence, the twenty-fifth of November, "Evacuation Day," and the anniversary of the birth-day of Washington, unless by the vote of three-fourths of all the members elected in each Board of the Common Council.

Sec. 9. No additional allowance, beyond the legal claim under any contract with the Corporation, or for any service on its account, or in its employment, shall ever be allowed.

Sec. 10. Chapter 159, of laws of 1850, and an act to amend the Charter of the City of New-York, passed April 2, 1853, and an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the Charter of the City of New-York, passed April 5, 1853, passed July 21, 1853; and an act further to amend the Charter of the City of New-York, passed April 12, 1855; and an act supplementary to an act, entitled an act further to amend the Charter of the City of New-York, passed April 12, 1856; passed June 14, 1856, be and the same are hereby repealed; and such parts of the Charter of the City of New-York as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this law, shall not be construed as repealed, modified, or in any manner affected thereby, but shall continue and remain in full force; and all laws inconsistent with this act are hereby also repealed.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

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UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S COURT.—JANUARY 14.

Before Commissioner Bridgman.

OFFENDING LETTERS FRAUDULENTLY FROM THE UNITED STATES POST-OFFICE—A SHARP BIT TO BE KEPT ON POST-OFFICE CIRCLE.

The examination was entered upon to-day in the case of Wm. Tyler Antony, a lad fifteen years of age, who was arrested some days since on a charge of having fraudulently obtained from the Post-Office letters directed to Thomas N. Stanford & Co., No. 607 Broadway, and the anniversary of the birth-day of Washington, unless by the vote of three-fourths of all the members elected in each Board of the Common Council.

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Several witnesses were examined in the case.

Oliver Hodgson, the first witness, testified to having arrested young Antony on the night of the 26th of December last, while at a ball at the City Assembly Rooms. The prisoner presented a five dollar bill in payment for his supper, which was supposed to be a bad bill. He immediately arrested him, and searched him, when he found $47 in good money in his possession. He asked him how he came to have so much money, and was told that a man in town gave it to him. He pressed the boy further, when he finally confessed he got it out of letters which he had taken from the Post-Office, and opened. He stated that the letters were directed to Thomas N. Stanford & Co., and that they were delivered to him from his shoulder a Post-Office check on Mr. Stanford's box, which check he found. The letters and checks he destroyed, retaining only the money.

Henry Bender, a clerk in the Post-Office, identified the boy as one to whom he had delivered letters on one occasion from Mr. Stanford's box. The boy produced the proper check, and he supposed it all correct.

Frederick Fowler, the book-keeper in the employ of Messrs. Stanford & Co., stated that no mail was taken from the Post-Office on the 22d of last December by any person in the employ of Messrs. Stanford & Co. The porter was sent to the office, but was told that the letters had been taken out. They had received letters since, informing of the fraudulent obtaining of money and checks due about the time mentioned, but which had not been received.

Adjourned to 3 P. M. to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL CALENDAR—Jan. 14.

Before Hon. Judge Roosevelt.

THE COST OF PUNISHING A MAN.

Bradley, by his Guardian, vs. Chesborough.—This case yesterday, in the case of assault and battery may perhaps be best explained as follows: Bradley had a [illegible] whom first came to be acquainted here to [illegible] who was a near neighbor of Mr. Chesborough, in Mott-st., having a large family of girls, of about 15 years of age. One day in October, 1854, Mary, for that was her name, came home to her mother, Mrs. Chesborough, on various matters of interesting gossip. The substance of this conversation was such, that Mr. Bradley, Sr., when he came to hear of it, sat down and wrote a letter to Mrs. Chesborough. This letter he told his son to copy, sign his name to it, and send it to her, which he did.

This letter was a very funny thing, and, doubtless, greatly amused the author in writing it. It proceeded to state that Mary had told them of her interview with Mrs. Chesborough, and had related to him a number of unkind things which Mary said Mrs. C. had remarked about his family. Among the other bad things Mrs. C. was reported to have said was that a few dollars had been expended upon her own education, which Mr. B. thought was not possible, and that Mr. C. had obtained a college education, which Mr. B. thought very likely. Mary told him (Mr. B.) that Mrs. C. said that Mrs. B. was a common sort of a person, and advised her (Mary) not to retain her place in her family. All this was said in the letter, and a great deal more, too tedious to mention. The communication was interspersed with various severe and sarcastic remarks, thrown in wherever there was room.

Mrs. Chesborough showed this letter to her husband. Mr. C. looked thoughtful; could it be that his neighbor had insulted his wife thus? Seizing his hat he rushed into Mr. B.'s house. There meeting Mrs. B. he showed her the letter, and asked if that was the product of her husband's or her son's brain, or was it a forgery. Receiving no definite answer he supposed it was from her son, and meeting him in the entry seized him by the throat, and asked him if he wrote it. Now comes the question. Did Mr. Chesborough seize him lightly, or did he grasp him roughly. Young Bradley says, or rather his witnesses do, that he left him insensible, with three red marks on his neck, where Mr. C.'s thumb and fingers pinched. Mr. C. in his answer says that he laid light hands on him. However that may be, Mr. Bradley, Jr., who is a young man studying law, concluded to bring an action for assault and battery, laying damages for the storage of those three red marks on his neck at $2,000.

His Honor charged the Jury to the effect that, after looking at the evidence from every point of view, they should deem that Mr. C. did lay violent hands on Bradley, Jr., they must give a verdict for the plaintiff, but not otherwise; and their adjustment of damages must depend, in a great measure, upon the amount of injury received by him. The Jury returned a verdict for $50 for the plaintiff. So ended this farce.

Before Hon. Justice Roosevelt.

AN INTERESTING ACTION OF EJECTMENT.

Zillah Punt vs. Samuel H. Platt et al.—This is an action of ejectment. The premises in controversy are an undivided third part of the house and lot known as No. 103 Mott-street. The owners of the other two-thirds defend on behalf of the tenants. The facts out of which the action grows are as follows:

In the year 1846 a market woman named Christina Hammet, died intestate, leaving, as the fruit of her life's labor, several houses and lots, to which her three children, viz.: Michael Punt (by her first) and Elizabeth and Maria Ann Hammet (by her second husband) were heirs-at-law. Michael married Zillah McLaughlin, the present plaintiff; Elizabeth married Joseph W. E. Somerindyke; Ann Maria married one Platt.

In 1846, the plaintiff's husband conveyed all his interest but a life interest to W. G. McLaughlin, plaintiff's brother, who, with his wife, reconveyed the same to the plaintiff on the following day.

Plaintiff's husband dying in 1850, she claimed ownership of the property under the McLaughlin deed, but the owners of the other two-thirds refused to give it up, but tendered her dower in the third. This she refused to accept, and commenced this action in April, 1853.

The defendants assert that the husband of the plaintiff, through whom she claims, was idiotic and imbecile, doing what he did only through force of habits acquired from or driven into him by his mother at the outset; that he was not capable of making a valid deed, and that the instrument purporting to be such had been got from him by undue influence.

The trial occupied three days, during which the deeds in question were put in evidence. The defendants examined fifteen witnesses to prove that Michael Punt was insane. The plaintiff introduced thirty to prove that he was not. The Jury were ordered to bring in a sealed verdict yesterday, but were unable to agree, ten being for plaintiff and two for the defendants.

CIRCUIT—*Second Part.*

Before Hon. Justice Davies.

WHEN IS A VESSEL ROTTEN?

David Elston vs. The Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company.—The plaintiff was the owner of a schooner running to Maracaibo. She was insured in the defendants' company. When near that place, she was wrecked, and a survey was taken of her, which stated that a large part of her was almost rotten, the iron work was much worn by stress of weather, &c. She was condemned and sold at auction for the benefit of the underwriters. The plaintiff brings this suit to recover the difference between the proceeds of that sale and the insurance money.

The defense set up, in, that by the terms of the policy, if the vessel should prove unseaworthy, by reason of being rotten, &c., then the policy would be void; that by the terms of the survey she was rendered unseaworthy from that cause, and consequently they are not liable. They therefore asked that the complaint be dismissed.

The plaintiff claims that independent rotten is not sufficiently rotten to render the policy void. His Honor concluded to let the case go to the Jury, who rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for $2,000, the full amount claimed, subject to the opinion of the Court.

SURROGATE'S COURT—Jan. 14.

Before Hon. A. W. Bradford.

A WIDOW'S CLAIMS CONFLICTING WITH THE CLAIMS OF CHILDREN BY A PRIOR WIFE.

An application was made to-day in the matter of the distribution of the estate of Robert Kilpatrick. In this case the deceased died some years since. At the time of his decease he occupied a stand in one of the public markets of this City, of which he held a life lease. Directly after the death his widow obtained a renewal of the lease, and sold the same for $550. The proceeds of such sale the latter upon appropriating to the benefit of herself and children. It appears, however, that Mr. Kilpatrick had been previously married, and that several children of this former marriage are living. These children now put in an application for the distribution of the proceeds of the above sale among themselves equally with the children of the latter wife.

Decision in the case reserved.

NEW-YORK LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Prepared every week, especially for the New-York Daily, Semi-Weekly, and Weekly Times, by a careful and experienced Reporter.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 14, 1857.

The principal Market Places are the WASHINGTON GROVE YARDS, 44TH-STREET; and at the New-York Yards, Forty-fourth-street; BROWNING'S, on Sixth-street; CHAMBERLIN'S, on Robinson-street; and O'BRIEN'S, on Sixth-street. Our reports refer to these regular markets. Irregular sales are sometimes made at Bergen Hill, N. J., and from the Hudson River Boats.

The great sales day at the Washington Yards is on WEDNESDAY of each week. The reports from all the yards are made up for the preceding week to the evening of that day.

RECEIPTS OF ANIMALS AT THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS, FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 12.

YARDS.	RECEIPTS. Beeves.	Cows & Calves.	Veal Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Swine.	Total.
Washington Grove Yards, Forty-fourth-st.	2013	2727	26	188	1900	1394
Browning's, Forty-fourth-st.	.....	240	57	80	4129	.....
Chamberlin's, Robinson-st.	.....	607	56	150	9860	.....
O'Brien's, Sixth-street.	.....	140	76	62	..	.....
Sales reported at Bergen	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for week	.....	3016	215	480	9021	1394
Last week	2141	3071	148	520	6054	900

Receipts for week ending to-day 3,797

Average weekly receipts of Beeves at the four City Markets for the year 1856 3,597

Total receipts for week ending to-day 3,735

A. M. ALLERTON, proprietor, reports the animals at the Washington Grove-Yards, received as follows:

CONVEYANCE.	Beeves.	Cows & Calves.	Veal Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Swine.
Erie Railroad	279	.....	.....	.....	768
Hudson River Railroad	436	.....	.....	404	509
Hudson River Boats	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harlem Railroad	456	60	105	1696	.....
New-Haven Railroad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
On foot	844	.....	.....	.....	.....

The Cattle at Forty-fourth-street were derived from the following sources:

Ohio	464	Pennsylvania	383
New-York	1402	Texas	.....
Illinois	210	Connecticut	171
Kentucky	280	Michigan	.....
Indiana	70	New-Jersey	4
Virginia	20	Wisconsin	.....
Iowa	.....	Canada	.....

Beeves are sold by the estimated dead weight of the four quarters; the so-called "fifth quarter" (hide and tallow) is not reckoned in here as it is in Boston and some other cities. When cattle are weighed or estimated alive, the dead weight is reckoned at a certain number of pounds to the 100 lbs. of live weight, as agreed upon. The general rule in this market for medium cattle is 56 lbs. to the 100; 45 lbs. being allowed for the "fifth quarter" and offal.

The average prices to-day, as compared with last week, are about ½c. lower.

We quote:

PRICES OF BEEF AT FORTY-FOURTH-STREET.

	To-day.	Last Week.
Premium Cattle	10¾c.@ 11¼c.	11c. @12½c.
First quality	10c. @10¾c.	10½c. @10¾c.
Medium quality	9½c.@ 9¾c.	9½c. @10c.
Poor quality	8½c.@ 9c.	8½c.@ 9¾c.
Poorest quality	7½c.@ 8½c.	7½c.@ 8c.
General selling prices	9½c.@10¼c.	10c. @11c.
Average of all sales about	9½c.@ 9¾c.	10c. @10c.

At BROWNING'S, CHAMBERLIN'S and O'BRIEN'S, prices do not materially differ from those at Forty-fourth-street. BROWNING reports Beeves at 9c.@10c. CHAMBERLIN reports Beeves at 8½c.@11c. O'BRIEN reports Beeves at 8c.@10½c.

GENERAL REMARKS UPON THE CATTLE MARKET.

There was a full supply of Beeves at Forty-fourth-street to-day,—2,013 against 2,145 last week,—while the offerings for the week at all the markets was about 700 more than last week. By referring to the table of stocks, it will be seen that New-York furnished one-half of all the cattle contributed during the week.

The quality of the stock to-day was fair, although scarcely equal as a whole to last Wednesday. With the exception of a few premium cattle, the prices were fully ½c. lower than on last market day—and some sellers thought 1c. lower. The prices obtained during the week at Bergen and at Forty-fourth-street yesterday, were in advance of to-day's prices, and the market ruled higher this morning than during this afternoon. Notwithstanding butchers bought tolerably free, yet some 400 head remained unsold at night, and a few droves are still due, so that it is not likely there will be any scarcity for another market at least. About 300 head went to the Eastern markets.

We suspect that the high price of Beef last week led butchers to lay in more largely of Pork and Venison—the latter being quite plentiful and cheap.

As our tables show, nearly all the cattle were owned by brokers, who had purchased in anticipation of a scarcity. This game has been tried several times recently, but so far with decidedly poor success.

For further remarks upon the localities from which the cattle are derived, their quality, &c., and for particular sales and other matters of interest, see the tables below, with the special notes following. These tables and notes are generally gathered from a personal inspection of the droves mentioned.

Y'ds.	No. Bees.	Owner.	Salesman.
1..	44..	Ohio	Scranton	Owner.
2..	126..	Ohio	T. C. Eastman	Owner.
3..	70..	N. Y.	S. C. Sutton	Owner.
4..	112..	Illinois	H. Hill	J. H. Williams.
5..	90..	Penn	J. A. Merritt	Owner.
6..	82..	Conn	I. Beach	Owner.
7..	66..	Ohio	Miller & Haring	Owner.
8..	71..	N. Y.	C. G. Teed	Owner.
9..	70..	Ohio & Ind.	Several Owners	Miller Har'g & Co
10..	56..	Ky	H. Eckstein	Owner.
11..	34..	Ohio	Beach & Smith	Owners.
12..	72..	N. Y.	J. C. Hoag	Owner.
13..	80..	Ky	J. T. Brasse & Co.	Owners.
14..	84..	Ind	Johnson & Temp'n.	Beach & Smith.
15..	28..	Ohio	Moorehouse & Mal'y.	Beach & Smith.
16..	127..	N. Y. & Ky.	Westhamer & Bro.	Owners.
16..	65..	Ohio	H. M. Black	Owner.
17..	140..	Ky. & N. Y.	Gilman Dickey	Owner.
18..	18..	N. Y.	George Ayrault	Owner.
19..	22..	Ky	S. Ulery	Owner.
20..	22..	Conn	H. Barnes	Owner.
21..	16..	Ohio	B. Bartram	Owner.
22..	82..	Ohio	C. W. Conger	Owner.
23..	94..	N. Y.	Mead & Holcomb	Owners.
24..	16..	Ohio	Mike Dalton	Owner.
25..	36..	N. Y.	W. W. Hoag	Owner.
26..	55..	Ky	Wm. P. McIntyre	Owner.
27..	48..	Ohio	J. D. Crouse	Owner.
28..	36..	Penn	Murphy	Owner.
—	30..	Ohio	Van Aislein	Culver, H'd & Co
—	24..	N. Y.	Culver, Hurd & Co.	Owners.
—	35..	N. Y.	Bloomer & Silleck	Owners.
—	36..	Ohio	S. Schaster	Owner.
—	90..	Penn	J. H. Williams	Owner.
—	38..	Va	J. M. Seymour	Owner.
—	34..	N. Y.	C. B. Davis	Owner.
—	28..	N. Y.	S. Wallerton	Owner.
—	60..	N. Y.	J. Budlong	Owner.
—	30..	N. Y.	E. Lockman	Owner.
—	40..	N. Y.	B. Culver	Owner.
—	70..	N. Y.	Daniel McIntyre	Owner.
—	26..	N. Y.	Thomas Wheeler	Owner.
—	16..	N. Y.	Mead & Holcomb	Owners.
—	27..	N. Y.	R. H. Sherman	Owner.
—	25..	N. Y.	A. Gaseley	Owner.
—	25..	N. Y.	George Schutt	Owner.
—	32..	N. Y.	R. Smith	Owner.
—	17..	N. Y.	Cornell & Co.	George Ayrault
—	26..	N. Y.	A. Blunt	Owner.
—	22..	N. Y.	W. Sherman	Owner.

We make full notes of sales, &c., from which we give the following, to show the general character of the transactions:

DAVID EMMONS, of Copake, Columbia County, N. Y., brought in seven fine leaves, among which was a pair of red Devons, or, rather, a cross of Durham and Devon, the home weight of which was 4,060 lbs. An offer of $215 was refused this morning for them, which as the day proved, the owner had better accepted. They were five-year old, and took the first premium, as working cattle, at the Herkimer County Fair, last Fall. They were fed by Mr. RUOSS, and were classed among the best cattle of the day.

C. G. TEED was selling on his own account 71 Westchester County Cattle; a part of which were of superior quality. Six of these were fed by E. WEMMER, of Somerstown, and were the finest bullocks we met with during the day. The best pair, which were Durhams, were purchased by Gen. DUROS at $220, estimated to be near 13c. ℔ lb. They were large and very fat. The remaining 64 were sold for $116 ℔ head or about 11c. ℔ lb. C. HAWKS took 6 of the others at $113 each, and one other butcher paid $120 each for six more. The balance of the drove were running out at about 10c.

CULVER, HURD & CO. were selling one lot of 30 good Ohio Steers weighing about 900 lbs. at 10¾c.@11c., VAN ALSTYNE owner. Also; 24 fair Dutchess County Cattle on their own account at 10c.@11c.

BEACH & SMITH were selling several lots of cattle to-day, among which were 44 from Lafayette County, Ind., owned by JOHNSON & TEMPLETON. They were of fair quality and brought 9c.@11c., according to quality, &c. Another lot of Ohio cattle, of medium quality, belonging to MOORHOUSE & MALLORY, brought 9½c.@10¼c. Of the latter, 10 were taken at $95 ℔ head.

MILLER, HARING & GURNEY were selling 70 head of Ohio and Indiana cattle for different parties, at 9c.@10¼c. They were of medium or variable qualities and weights. The same parties report sales at Bergen, at prices fully ½c. better than the same cattle were bringing here to-day.

BECKER & BILLOU were selling on their own account 26 fair Westchester County cattle, averaging about 900 lbs. net, at 9½c.@10½c.

J. G. HOAG sold on his own account 73 fair Dutchess County cattle at 9c.@10½c. ℔ lb.

W. W. HOAG sold 36 Dutchess County cattle at 8½c.@10½c. They differed widely in quality and weight. Twenty of them brought fully $100 each, being heavy cattle.

C. W. CONGER was disposing of a lot of 62 good Ohio cattle, weighing at home 1,200 lbs. gross, at 10c.@10½c.

MILCH COWS WITH CALVES.

Milch Cows are sold at each of the above yards, usually with their Calves at their sides. The prices vary somewhat, with the supply and demand, and very greatly, of course, upon the milking value. The particular fancy of the buyer has also considerable bearing upon the price. Not unfrequently a Cow is sold at $90@$100, or even $120. The range throughout the year for ordinary Cows is $40 to $50@$60. Quite a number sell above $60, and more, perhaps, below $60. We often see apologies for Cows go at $35@$40. The weekly reports from the different yards will give the weekly fluctuations.

The tables show an increase of about 100 Cows over last week. The market is fully supplied, and prices remain unchanged.

ALLERTON reports 28 Milch Cows received during week, selling at $30@$35 for common, $40@$50 for good, and $60@$70 for extras. Supply short, and selling fair, especially good ones.

BROWNING reports 57 Milch Cows, selling at $35@$60 for common, $40@$50 for good, and $60@$70 for extras. Good Cows selling well, with a demand about equal to the receipts.

CHAMBERLIN reports 88 Milch Cows selling at $25@$30 for common; $40@$50 for good, and $60@$75 for extras. Supply quite sufficient, although good Cows are selling well.

O'BRIEN reports 79 Milch Cows, selling at $30@$40 for common, $40@$50 for good, and a few at $60@$65. Selling fair, with a supply very nearly equal to demand.

VEAL CALVES.

Veal Calves are sold by live weight, each animal being weighed alive at the time of sale. The principal places of sale are ALLERTON'S, BROWNING'S, CHAMBERLIN'S and O'BRIEN'S.

The prices have not changed since last week, with an increase of receipts.

ALLERTON reports 188 Veal Calves, selling for 5½c.@7c. Extras 7½c. Stock only medium in quality and selling fair.

BROWNING reports 52 Veal Calves, selling generally at 5½c. Extras 7½c.

CHAMBERLIN reports 151 Veal Calves, selling at 5½c.@7½c. Demand brisk and selling well.

O'BRIEN reports 76 Veal Calves, selling at 5c.@7c. Fair supply and selling readily.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

These are chiefly sold at ALLERTON'S, BROWNING'S, and CHAMBERLIN'S, at so much ℔ head for a particular lot of Sheep or Lambs, or of the two together. They are also frequently sold by live weight, as this is readily ascertained. The actual prices at the different yards seldom vary greatly. The difference in reputed prices is generally due to variation in the quality. The receipts have been larger during the past than for several previous weeks, and prices have fallen off nearly 50c. ℔ head.

ALLERTON reports receipts of 1,900 Sheep and Lambs, selling at $3@$6, and extras, from $9 to $10 ℔ head. One fine lot of 101 Westchester County Sheep were selling by M. KELLY, owner, at $6@$8 ℔ head; they were extra, of course.

BROWNING reports receipts of 4,129 Sheep and Lambs, selling at $3@$6 ℔ head. Extras, $8@$10. Stock fair, and selling readily, with no variation in price since last week. Receipts mostly from Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and New-York.

CHAMBERLIN reports receipts of 9,860 Sheep and Lambs, selling at $3@$7 ℔ head. Selling readily at fair prices. Some extras have sold for $12 ℔ head. Supply for to-day's market short.

SHEEP BROKERS' SALES AT BROWNING'S, FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 14.

JAMES MCGLADRY reports sales of:

Sheep and Lambs.		Sheep and Lambs.	
119	$367 50	18	117 00
74	504 00	71	414 75
98	588 00	27	202 00
189	776 00	125	598 75
205	927 00	59	354 00
128	627 00	178	472 50
86	494 50	150	525 00
200	1,400 00		

SAMUEL MCGRAW reports sales of:

Sheep and Lambs.		Sheep and Lambs.	
6	$14 00	9	26 00
13	65 00	4	20 50
6	30 00	106	430 68
5	17 50	11	104 00
79	334 00	1	7 50
101	404 00	21	108 00
71	372 75	8	43 87
6	34 00	8	54 00
8	20 00	53	357 75
5	22 00		

BEACH, SMITH & JUDD, Sheep Brokers at CHAMBERLIN'S, report the following sales:

No.	Amount.	Average price per head.
40 Sheep sold for	$170 00	$4 25
100 Sheep sold for	500 00	5 00
8 Sheep sold for	28 00	3 50
176 Sheep sold for	940 63	5 37½
100 Sheep sold for	600 00	6 00
118 Sheep sold for	472 00	4 00
20 Sheep sold for	160 00	8 00
561	$3,870 63	

HURD & BALDWIN report sales of about 600 Sheep and Lambs at $5 to $8 per head.

SWINE.

These are sold alive at so much ℔ lb., gross or live weight. Considerable numbers are sold at ALLERTON'S, Forty-fourth-street, and at various other yards, while large droves are sold direct from the cars or boats, and driven immediately to the various slaughter-houses.

Market good, with a gradual increase in price. Arrivals scarcely sufficient for the demand.

ALLERTON reports receipts of 1,394 Hogs, which have been sold at about 7c.@7½c., gross or live weight. Arrivals light, and market getting empty.

VAN BUSKIRK & WATSON, Pork-packers, at No. 200 Chambers-street, report receipts of about 7,000 Hogs during the past week, selling at

CORN.

Live ..... $7 12 | Dressed $8 75

DISTILLERY.

Live ..... $6 75 | Dressed $8 87

Arrivals light, either live or dressed.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1857.

The Cattle Markets yesterday and to-day were well supplied, and the demand was quite active.

BEEF CATTLE—The offerings were larger than for many weeks previous, the sales having reached 1,850 head, at prices ranging from $8 50 to $9, $10, and $10 50 ℔ 100 lbs. A few extra ones here sold as high as $11, which is an advance of about 50c. upon the 100 lbs. Most of the stock was from Chester County, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana.

SHEEP—The supply of Sheep was good, the sales having reached 5,500 head, at prices ranging from $3 75 to $6 ℔ head. They were owned principally by GEORGE HESSER, ALCORN, DEFFRICK, and others.

HOGS—The demand for this kind of stock continues good, and sales of 2,200 head, principally at SUMMY'S yard, was made at from $7 50@$8 50 ℔ 100 lbs.

COWS AND CALVES—This kind of stock is not in great demand. Only 200 head were disposed of, at from $20 to $60, as in condition and quality.

Wholesale Produce Markets.

Reported exclusively for the New-York Daily Times

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 14, 1857.

The prices given in our reports from week to week are the average wholesale prices obtained by producers, and not those at which produce is sold from the market. The variations in prices refer chiefly to the qualities of the articles.

The cold of the past week has been too severe for much activity in the Vegetable market—at least so far as bringing in from the country is concerned, and the quantity in hands of dealers is gradually diminishing. Many vegetables now offered show the effects of frost.

The Poultry market continues well supplied. Large quantities of Venison are daily coming in.

Arrivals of Butter continue free, with only a moderate sale.

Eggs are growing scarce, especially lined ones. Fresh eggs are arriving quite sparingly from Philadelphia.

Potatoes—Mercer, common, ℔ bbl	$2 50	@$2	—
Potatoes—Northern Carters, ℔ bbl	3 00	@ 3	50
Potatoes—Jersey Carters, ℔ bbl	4 00	@	—
Potatoes—Mercer, extra, ℔ bbl	3 00	@ 3	25
Potatoes—Nova Scotia Mercers, ℔ bus	85	@	95
Potatoes—Junes, ℔ bbl	2 50	@	—
Potatoes—Reds, ℔ bbl	2 25	@ 2	50
Potatoes—Kidneys, ℔ bbl	3 50	@	—
Potatoes—California, ℔ bbl	1 75	@ 2	00
Potatoes—Whites, ℔ bbl	1 75	@ 2	00
Potatoes—Yellow Pinkeyes, ℔ bushel	2 00	@ 1	75
Onions—Red, ℔ bbl	1 75	@ 1	87
Onions—White, ℔ bbl	2 00	@ 2	00
Onions—Yellow, ℔ bbl	2 25	@ 2	50
Cotton, ℔ 100 strings	3 00	@	—
Leeks, ℔ dozen bunches	62	@	75
Garlic, ℔ 100 bunches	3 50	@	—
Celery, ℔ doz	1 00	@ 1	25
Pumpkins—Cheese, ℔ 100	12 00	@12	00
Turnips—Ruta Bags, ℔ bbl	1 00	@ 1	37
Turnips—White, ℔ basket	25	@	37
Carrots—Washed ℔ bbl	1 00	@	—
Beets—℔ bbl	2 00	@	—
Parsnips—℔ bbl	2 25	@	—
Cranberries—℔ bbl	10 00	@12	00
Cabbages—℔ 100	6 00	@12	00
Apples—Newtown Pippins, ℔ bb	6 50	@	—
Apples—Sack-no-furthers, Gillflowers, &c., ℔ bbl	3 50	@ 4	00
Apples—Russets, ℔ bbl	2 50	@ 3	00
Apples—Greenings, ℔ bbl	3 50	@ 4	00
Apples—Spitzenburgs, ℔ bbl	4 00	@ 5	00
Apples—Sweetings, ℔ bbl	3 00	@ 4	00
Apples—Common, ℔ bbl	2 00	@ 3	50
Hickory Nuts—℔ bushel	2 00	@ 2	25
Dried Apples—State, ℔ lb	5½	@	6½
Dried Apples—Southern, ℔ lb	4	@	7
Dried Peaches—℔ lb	17	@	19
Butter—Orange Co., pails ℔ lb	25	@	28
Butter—Orange County, firkins, ℔ lb	20	@	24
Butter—State, ℔ lb	20	@	22
Ohio and other Western States, ℔ lb	15	@	16
Lard—in bbls	12	@	12
Lard—Kegs	12½	@	12½
Cheese—State, ℔ lb	10	@	11
Eggs—Fresh, ℔ doz	28	@	30
Eggs—Limed, ℔ doz	24	@	26
Fowls—℔ lb	9	@	10
Ducks—Domestic, ℔ lb	12	@	14
Ducks—Domestic, ℔ lb	11	@	14
Ducks—Canvas-Back, ℔ pair	1 75	@ 2	00
Ducks—Red Heads, ℔ pair	1 37	@ 1	62
Ducks—Widgeon	37	@	62
Ducks—Black, ℔ pair	37	@	62
Turkeys—℔ lb	10	@	12
Turkeys—Western, ℔ lb	9	@	11
Turkeys—Wild, each	2 00	@ 4	00
Geese—℔ lb	9	@	11
Pigeons—Tame Squabs, ℔ doz	1 50	@ 1	75
Partridges—℔ pair	62	@	75
Prairie Hens—℔ pair	62	@	75
Quail—℔ dozen	1 25	@ 1	50
Rabbits—℔ pair	31	@	—
Hares—℔ pair	44	@	50
Venison—Carcass, ℔ lb	8	@	9
Venison—Saddle, ℔ lb	11	@	13
Bear Meat—℔ lb	18	@	21
Roasting Pigs—each	2 00	@ 4	00

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BARK—Quercitron, No. 1, at Philadelphia, $25 ℔ ton.

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Nicaragua.

The news we have from Nicaragua is as two-faced as the isthmus itself. Its character apparently depends far less upon fact than upon the accident of its coming by an Aspinwall or by a San Juan steamer. The last budget comes by Aspinwall. It furnishes Costa Rican accounts. These state that Gen. WALKER was "on his last legs." Granada, his latest hold upon land, Virgin Bay only excepted, was in the hands of the Guatemalan General BALLOSO, who was playing away with a large brass field-piece at a church, wherein a body of WALKER's soldiers had sought sanctuary. An attempt of WALKER to recover the town had been defeated. The Island of Omotepec, where he had deposited his *matériel*, with the sick and wounded, had been the scene of an Indian revolt, involving the slaughter of fifteen Americans. Gen. CANAS was at Rivas, with six hundred Costa Ricans, where WALKER, with four hundred Americans had attacked him, and met with a disastrous repulse. CANAS had been reinforced by the Nicaraguans, and only waited for Gen. BALLOSO to carry the Church of Guadalouape by storm, and join him, to complete the extirpation of the filibusters. The forces of WALKER were represented to be wholly without food, beef excepted, and that they were obliged to eat without salt. A fare so unsuited to the climate, and a climate so unsuited to the Americans, was doing horrible destruction upon their numbers, so that without immediate reinforcements, sickness alone would exterminate them. These reports from Punta Arenas are strengthened by the stories told by deserters at Aspinwall, who describe the position of WALKER and his affairs in the gloomiest language.

On the other hand, by this arrival, the rumors, said to be derived from private letters received at San Francisco, painting the condition of the Americans in the most satisfactory colors. Recruits were arriving; WALKER had beaten CANAS at Rivas; Leon, the largest and most influential town of Nicaragua, had pronounced for him. Statements of the same brilliant hue are put forth by the Nicaraguan agency in this City; and as they claim to date six days later than what reaches us from Aspinwall, may be entitled to some faith. The rumored attitude of Leon, however, may be received with great distrust. Leon has been almost as unanimous for the Chamorrista or servile faction as Granada was for the Liberals. Partyism in the State had, in fact, shaped itself in a large measure to the rivalry of these contending capitals; so that when WALKER was first installed at Granada by democratic influences, Leon set up that harmonious howl against him, which put in motion the Central American reaction. Leon has been the seat and centre of military operations for the allied troops; and that it should select the precise moment when all the native Nicaraguans have deserted WALKER, and WALKER's cause has attained the verge of desperation, to espouse it, and embark in the controversy, is a proceeding too absurd even for Spanish-American politics. It will be safe, therefore, to await further advices before we regard the fillibuster as triumphant; and to believe meanwhile that all his climacteric and sanitary foes are as powerful as ever, and as likely to expel him from the soil without other aid.

The Reeside Claim.

The Senate of the United States has at last voted in favor of paying the heirs of JAMES REESIDE their large claim upon the Post-Office Department, repudiating, however, a demand for interest pretty nearly equal to the principal. A different sort of interest, however, attaches to the claim. There is a moral in it, worth, to Government claimants, all the fables of Æsop put together; a moral not inadequately expressed in the Italian proverb, "an egg to-day is worth a cock to-morrow."

JAMES REESIDE was the very Napoleon of stage-coaching in the autumnal days of that system, when the rail-car was coming in, and fast mail-coaches fast going out. His contracts with Government for transporting mails covered nearly all of the more closely-settled portions of the country; and especially lucrative was the great line between Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New-York, where there was a more than ordinary call for all the paraphernalia of the trade, seeing the liveliness of the opposition, and the necessity of anticipating the mails by running horse-express, at incredible expense and speed. The value of the correspondence on the route and the frequency of mail robberies required extra precautions, so that an indispensable addition to that foremost of the long passenger train, which bore the mails, was a gigantic scoundrel in a red great-coat, around the waist of which was girded a belt full of murderous horse-pistols. Those were the mighty days of the great contractor. From his office in Philadelphia he shared with the Postmaster-General the control of National letter-carrying; and what with his scores of Troy-built safety-coaches, and hundreds of drivers, grooms, guards, and riders, and thousands of horses, there was nobody else in the country to apply to when meaner contractors broke down, and extraordinary aid had to be invoked to forward the mails without suspension and detention. REESIDE, something less than twenty years ago, died, broken-hearted doubtless, at the decay of mail-coach grandeur, leaving a widow and three or four children, no otherwise provided for than by a claim on Government for such works of supererogation, amounting to $180,000. The less wealthy the widow could get sent her into the United States Supreme Court with this claim. After the usual delays of that perdurous jurisdiction, a judgment was obtained establishing the demand; and there was nothing left to do but call at the Treasury and draw the *amount*. Unfortunately, the worst counsel the widow could get—the very worst, seeing she was in extreme need, and the money would have been as an ample shower in a prolonged drought—whispered her that a judgment against Government carried no interest, and that if she would forego its advantages, and try her fate in the lobby of Congress, she might get not only the principal, but interest enough to pay lawyers, lobby agents, and other barnacles that had fastened themselves to the hulk of so promising a job—thus leaving her the original sum without those costly deductions. For ten years, amid circumstances of oppressive poverty, and at a vast pecuniary outlay upon her expectant fortune, Mrs. REESIDE, by her agents, beset Congress, without advancing her case a peg. Then the Court of Claims was set up. Thither she went—and, after other killing costs, succeeded in getting a judgment for $180,000 principal, and some $170,000 interest. This judgment the Senate has approved *less* the interest; and should the House indorse the action of the Senate, Mrs. REESIDE will, at last, get what she might have had sixteen years ago, but for her ill-advisers, less expenses probably exceeding three-fourths of the amount, and less the cost of living and the interest on borrowed money throughout the protracted contest. Taking, also, into the count the depreciation of money in the interim, the widow's experience is most painfully and pitiably severe. Regretting that it should fall upon a woman, and one whose error was undoubtedly the fruit of mischievous and designing advice, we must yet set high value upon the lesson, as a rebuke to the remorseless greed of Government claimants in general. Of the justice of denying interest in such cases we have spoken heretofore.

Development of the South.

The Richmond (Va.) *Enquirer* copies from the Alexandria *Sentinel* an interesting letter giving some statistics of the extraordinary prosperity of Lowell,—the amount of wealth produced by its manufactures and the degree of social and personal comfort that follows this development of industry. The *Enquirer* admits the attractiveness of the picture and says, justly and truly, that "it appeals most loudly to the interests and duty of the South." It seems almost incredible to the *Enquirer* that "the little Merrimac River with a fall of only 33 feet in eleven miles," with its waters frozen for a large part of the year, should be used for the production of so vast an amount of wealth, while the James, the Potomac and other South-[illegible] Virginia draw all their supplies of manufactured articles from the banks of the Merrimac. The *Enquirer* thus urges upon the South the lesson and the duty which these facts should teach:—

"Let us learn a useful lesson from the untiring enterprise and practical energy of our enemies, and let the shock of the storm, which has just passed, have one good result, viz.: to clear up the atmosphere of the public mind at the South, and point out the way to a great revolution in which Southern power and greatness shall be illustrated and confirmed. The South has a great destiny before her, if her sons are alive to their duty and interest."

Why is it necessary for the *Enquirer* to present the people who have achieved all these results, as the "enemies" of the people of Virginia? According to its own confession, they buy their raw material from the South and send thither for a market their manufactured goods. These are not evidences, certainly, of hostility. They indicate, on the contrary, a kind and degree of mutual dependence to which the closest and most friendly relations are necessary. They belong to the same race, speak the same language, live under the same government, cherish the same religious and social sentiments, and differ only in one respect, namely, *the system of labor which they respectively adopt*. This need not make them enemies. They may be rivals, and the system of labor which prevails among them may have something to do with the progress and results of this rivalry; but they need not be foes.

Now why will not the *Enquirer*, laudably solicitous as it seems to be for the welfare of Virginia and the South, enter upon a fair *unbiased* examination of the real causes of the difference which it acknowledges to exist between the Merrimac and the Rappahannock—Massachusetts and Virginia—the North and the South—in regard to the development of their resources and the advance of their material prosperity? Is not such an inquiry absolutely essential to the improvement which it desires?

In all their talk upon this subject, Southern journals *assume* that the North has no advantage over the South in the system of labor which it adopts. We do not think the case so clear as to warrant such an assumption. Indeed, while this is taken for granted—and all investigation into that point excluded—so long as Southern economists ignore all questions connected with the nature of the Industry upon which the two sections respectively rely, just so long will their speculations be fruitless and their appeals to the people of the South empty and unavailing. If they would once canvass this whole subject in a frank and manly manner—look plain and indisputable facts boldly in the face, and base their action upon principles which theory and experience combine to establish, instead of such as rest upon prejudice and prescription alone—they would make a beginning towards a better state of things. The South would indeed "have a great destiny before her, *if her sons would be* THUS *alive to their duty and interest*."

Marine Insurance.

The year that has just closed has been a year of disaster to our Marine Insurance Companies. Many of them have been wrecked, and others have only been saved from total ruin by reorganizing themselves on a new basis. But four or five of our oldest Companies, who are rich in money and experience, have survived the great disasters of the year. When we consider that the rates of premium on marine risks have been nearly doubled, in the past twenty-five years; and that, during this period, many valuable improvements have been introduced in the building and rigging of our ships—which should diminish the risks of sea voyages—this great increase of our marine losses is a fact which naturally excites reflection.

Not many years ago—when ships were built with flush decks, fore and aft, and the cabin and the forecastle was below—the dignity and authority of the quarter-deck was attained only by merit. The command was earned by a long and well-tested experience before the mast. To hand, reef and steer; to find the ship's position by the sextant, BOWDITCH's epitome and a nautical almanac; to rig a jury-mast, fish a spar, stop a leak, or ship a rudder at sea; to feel the way to an anchorage by the lead; these were the accomplishments in which our shipmasters were practically skilled, and which made marine insurance more profitable, both to the insurer and to the insured, than it is now in these days of dead reckonings and double-topsail yards. Then, there was no crawling in at the cabin windows for a command. The master began his sea-life in the forecastle, and worked his way laboriously up from the slush bucket to the sextant. If he lost his ship, he lost his reputation with it, unless it appeared that the loss was occasioned solely by stress of weather, or by circumstances entirely beyond his control as a navigator and a practical seaman. Such a shipmaster always knew where he was at sea, and whither the course he steered was leading him. If he could not catch the sun on the meridian, he took the stars or the planets. He trusted more in a good lunar than in a fancy chronometer, and was never obliged to signal up a ship from leeward to "compare reckoning." He knew just where and when he should make the land, and he sent Jack to the masthead to verify his figures, not to correct them. If he was bound into New-York, neither Montauk nor Cape May was mistaken for Sandy Hook; nor was he caught in any of those "unknown currents" which are so fatal to ships and insurance companies now-a-days. On soundings, he was sailor enough to jump into the chains and handle the lead himself; and he brought his ship and cargo into port in as good order and condition as when he sailed. There are shipmasters now retired who, during a long experience at sea, have never split a sail, parted a stay, sprung a spar, or damaged a cargo. They are sailors of the old school—the favorites of shipowners and insurers.

But times have changed. While many of our American shipmasters are as accomplished as any who have sailed before them, and have attained a high reputation in their profession, it must be acknowledged that more of them are entirely incompetent to discharge their duties. And we believe that in this fact may be found a cause of the rapidly-increasing number of our marine losses.

In England, shipmasters are now licensed; and no applicant can obtain a command, or receive favor from a Marine Insurance Company, until he has passed a thorough examination in every requirement of seamanship and navigation. This rigid system has greatly improved the character, and even the appearance of the shipmasters; and could the same system be introduced here, it is certain that the quality of marine insurance would be greatly improved. But [illegible] with us, at present, to give the command of a ship to the man who will serve for the lowest wages, or to the man who can purchase an eighth or a quarter of the vessel. In both cases the office, with all its great responsibilities, is merely traded away; and, in the latter case, it often falls into the possession of some young man who has never been in one, except as a passenger, [illegible] clerk. His seamanship is extracted from books; and if the Insurance Company is not called upon to pay for the ship and cargo quite as soon as might be expected, it is because this modern master happens to have, in his chief officer, a good "dry nurse," whose skill saved him in the time of peril.

JUSTICE TO IRELAND.—It is not a very easy matter to do justice to Ireland, or at least to meet the Irish idea of justice to that particular spot of the earth, which has been so fitly called the "first gem of the sea," because the moment you grant all that its children ask for, they immediately ask for more. The Irish emancipation act was no sooner passed than those who had been most clamorous for it immediately commenced a new rebellion for something more, which caused Lord LYNDHURST to make the inhuman remark that the only way to pacify Ireland was to immerse it fifty feet under water. Irishmen have their rights, like other men, and we do not see why they should not clamor for them until they get them. In this country we had supposed that Irishmen had nothing to complain of, and that they were at least quite as well treated as any other class of foreigners. It is true that no Irishman can be elected to the Presidency, but this lack of political privilege has been abundantly compensated for by the power they possess of putting any native-born citizen into that high office whom they choose to unite upon. In all other respects we had supposed that Irishmen had all they could possibly demand of us. But it seems there is one cause of complaint which we wonder has never before been thought of as a grievance.

The editor of the *American Celt* complains that Ireland has been most unfairly treated in the nomenclature of our towns, and that while English names abound all over the Union, and particularly in New-England, the only prominent Irish name is that of Baltimore, which was taken, not because it was Irish, but because it was the title of an English nobleman.

It cannot be denied that the complaint of the *Celt* is well founded, and that Ireland has been most shamefully neglected in bestowing names upon our towns. As there is a New-England, why not a New-Ireland, and a New-Munster, as well as a New-Hampshire? There are not more than three or four Ulsters in the whole Union, while the Norfolks and Suffolks are innumerable. But it is never too late to mend, and, as there are a good many new States, new Counties, and new towns, to be created, let justice be done to Ireland, by bestowing upon them a few Irish names. A few Tipperarys, Bally somethings, and Skibbereens, will be giving an agreeable variety to our topographical names. The *American Celt*, however, might, for the present, be pacified, if he would consult a gazetteer, and see how many Irish names may already be found distributed over the country. There are no less than thirteen towns called Dublin, and one New-Dublin; there are nine Londonderrys, six Belfasts, and three Corks; and Plymouth Rock, even, is now pretty generally called the Blarney-stone. If these towns with Irish names are not so prominent as Boston, New-York, New-Bedford and Albany, why do not our Irish fellow-citizens make them so? Still we admit that, in the matter of names, England has decidedly the advantage of her "sister Isle," on this Continent.

A PERIODICAL OUTBREAK.—Every year, at about this time, it must have been noted by the Mariams of the moral universe, our newspapers break out in violent tirades and most virtuous denunciations against the follies, extravagances and immoralities of fashionable society. There are two ways of accounting for this phenomenon; the first is, that there is not much of anything else to make a splurge about; and the other, that it is the season of party-giving, when Fashion herself is in full feather, and spreads her most brilliant plumage. To denounce fashionable follies, and rail at the extravagances of the wealthy classes, is no new thing; it has been done ever since the days of King Solomon, and will probably be continued a good while longer. But people who have got money and are ambitious of making a show, as most moneyed people are, will continue to build fine houses, give large parties, and indulge in all the elegancies of life that money can purchase. Those who are rendered uneasy by the fashionable vices and extravagances of our best society should read the Roman satirists, the domestic history of England in the last century, or even the letters describing the social life of the aristocracy of France and England of the present day, and they will not be so much alarmed at the costly displays of Fifth-avenue.

The truth is that the Winter season is a kind of harvest home for our merchants and great jobbers, and their only season of enjoyment. They work very hard during all the rest of the year, attend closely to business, spend night after night in their counting-rooms and warehouses, and when their books have been balanced, their profit and loss account adjusted, and the balance is found on the right side of the ledger, it is very natural that they should feel inclined to invite their friends to their splendid mansions, treat them to the luxuries of the season and indulge a little in revelry and high life. Besides it is all good for trade; the luxurious habits of the rich put bread in the mouths of the poor, and give employment to thousands who would else be idle, or leading vicious lives. Diamond necklaces, brocades satin slippers, lace curtains, gold tea-pots and other costly trumpery are innocent things in themselves, and if only those indulge in them whose incomes are sufficient to pay for them, they will never do any harm to society. But, now and then, some ill-starred lunatic who mistakes the shadow for the substance, will sell his soul to the devil to obtain these gauds, and then there is an outcry made against the fashionable follies of society, as though it were a crime to be rich, and to be fashionable was a deadly sin.

Fine houses, splendid equipages, costly dresses, and elegant parties are all evidences, not only of opulence and refinement, but of enterprise, industry and liberality. It is only when wealth is obtained by dishonest means, or by oppressing the poor, that an ostentatious display of it becomes offensive. In this country, with very rare exceptions, those who have fortunes have obtained them by their own industry, and have a right to be as extravagant as they please in getting rid of them.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday, the House bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy, [illegible] passed. A bill making appropriations for improving, by contract, the Mississippi, Ohio and Arkansas Rivers, was reported. The Senate then discussed, without coming to any conclusion, the bill for the settlement of the accounts of Revolutionary Officers.

In the House, a large number of bills were introduced, among them one by Mr. LETCHER, for the establishment of a Branch Mint in this City, to be under the control of the Director of the Philadelphia Mint. In Committee of the Whole, Mr. AYRES, of Missouri, made a speech in vindication of the principles of the American party, and Mr. DUNKIN, of Rhode Island, advocated protection for American manufactures.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The business of legislation in both Houses proceeds smoothly and rapidly. Another scheme for tinkering the Charter of this City was introduced in the Senate yesterday; also a bill relative to the Police Department. There is some prospect at last of having at the State Capital a suitable house for the Governor to reside in, as a bill was introduced to appropriate $50,000 for the erection of an Executive Mansion.

In the Assembly, the report of the Auditor of the Canal Department was presented, and will be found elsewhere in this morning's TIMES. A petition was presented from the American Geographical Society, for a ship canal from the Hudson River to Lake Champlain. Bills were introduced for the extension of time generally for the collection of taxes, to protect the citizens of this City from imposition by the City Railroad Companies, and to incorporate the Turnverein. Mr. JOHNS' resolution, that it is inexpedient to introduce a prohibitory law this session, was called up, and an amendment proposed, that it is expedient, which amendment was laid on the table. A resolution was adopted refusing the use of the Assembly Chamber to any person or associations but those of the State. A resolution was introduced, and lost, for the appointment of a Committee to report as to the propriety of abolishing the death penalty. Various Committees were announced, the construction of which can be ascertained by reference to our report.

FORNEY'S GROANS.—The defeat of FORNEY was so terrible a blow that even his most active opponents showed a disposition to condole with him, rather than exult in his misfortune; but the utter lack of philosophy which he shows himself, the entire want of Christian resignation to his hard fate, will be likely to turn the current of sympathy which was setting towards him, in an opposite direction. We have never witnessed such a frightful outburst of disappointed rage as the *Pennsylvanian*, FORNEY's organ, contained yesterday. Such tearing of hair, such howling, yelling and whining was never heard before since the fall of Lucifer. Mr. FORNEY should, by this time, have become so accustomed to defeat and the vicissitudes of political warfare, as to bear up under a little reverse like that which he has sustained. Besides, he must know that if anything could add to the delight of his enemies and of his successful competitor for the Senatorship, it would be to know that he writhed so under his defeat. The Democrats of Pennsylvania are a very uncertain kind of white men. Three of them, who voted for FORNEY in the legislative caucus, when they came to the scratch in joint ballot, cast their votes for General CAMERON.

COL. BENTON SMILE HARPING ON THE LADY QUESTION.—Colonel BENTON has sent forth another letter on the "lady" question, which we give elsewhere. The gallant old gentleman caves in with respect to the Bible, but says nothing as to the "Thirty Years View." He confesses that he put this ball in motion without expecting to be snapped up so sharply by the newspaper critics. But when a man of his ripeness and celebrity makes an assertion about a book so well known as the Bible, he must expect to be reminded of his error when he commits one.

CHEAPER CAPS.—By some of those odd accidents which seem to have attended every movement of the English in the Crimea, a large quantity of fur caps whom were intended by the British Government to be sent to the seat of war, for the use of the army, have found their way to Nassau-street, and have been selling so cheap during the late cold snap that about every other man in the City has one on his head. It is a pity they could not have reached the soldiers for whom they were intended in season to be used, for they are ugly enough to have frightened the Russians out of Sebastopol if they had been worn by the besieging army.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH OUR CONVICTS?—England has always some knotty social point to untie, which stares the world in the face from the columns of its daily papers. The question that now appears to be agitating the British mind is, "what shall we do with our Convicts?" Whatever they may do with them, we hope they won't set them free, for, in that case, some of them might find their way over here; and our market is already overstocked with a similar commodity, English convicts and ticket-of-leave men, judging from the samples that have come across the Atlantic, are most undesirable additions to our population.

MURDER AND ROBBERY.—In another column will be found the details of a foul murder upon the highway, coupled with robbery, near Jamaica, Long Island. This is the second transaction of the kind within two weeks in this vicinity. The victim in this case is SAMUEL CARMAN, a farmer of Foster's Meadow, who was at the time on his way home from Brooklyn. The murderers, we regret to say, are yet at large.

The Meat Market.

Contrary to expectation, a full supply of Beef Cattle have reached this market during a week past, notwithstanding detentions by snow and ice incident to this season. The City receipts of bullocks for the week ending yesterday were 5,735, against 5,071 for the preceding week. There were 2,318 reported on sale at Forty-fourth-street yesterday morning, and prices fell off at least ½c. ℔ lb. Mutton, Poultry, and especially Venison, are in good supply and at reasonable rates. Nothing like starvation or starvation prices appear in present prospect.

Wallack's Theatre.

Mrs. HOEY made her first appearance last night, and a proper ovation to talent and beauty received. The house was filled with one of the largest and most fashionable audiences of the season, augmented more by the occasion than the play, although the latter, "Love's Sacrifice," is an effective one. Mrs. HOEY was received with repeated sounds of applause, and [illegible] thrice called before the curtain. Her impersonation of the heroine was extremely effective, and Mr. DREW's *Matthew* was also admirable.

Italian Opera.

The rehearsals at the Academy of Music are progressing with great care and earnestness. On Monday next this—the most elegant and best patronized place of amusement—will open for the season. It is a short one to be sure, but everything is staked on its success. Mr. STRAKOSCH is a sensible man, who knows better than any other how to manage artists, so as to satisfy them, the public and himself. But he knows also that Italian Opera is a risky business, and that it requires a combination of varied talents—not commonly found in one man—to make it succeed. Whilst, therefore, his art-ambition induces him to make this experiment, his judgment tells him that he must be guided entirely by its result. If the twelve nights announced are only moderately patronized by the public, he will be satisfied and encouraged to further enterprise. Mr. STRAKOSCH has capital; sound judgment; extraordinary tact, and more than ordinary art-aspirations for the perfect. It will be seen, therefore, how much depends on this experiment. If it succeed, he may become the permanent lessee of the Academy, and New-York, thereby guaranteed an excellent company of artists, and an energetic operatic management. These facts should be known, for they deserve to be appreciated.

The immediate arrangements are liberal enough for the short season announced. Mlle. PARODI is an artist whose fame has been indorsed by our own public. In certain rôles she has no equal on the lyric stage, and especially is that the case in *Lucrezia*—the part selected for her *début*. Signor TIBERINI is an excellent tenor, whose acquaintance we made last season in a very brief and unsatisfactory manner. He was the favorite of the Havana public, and is, unquestionably, a finished artist. Of the other members of the company we know nothing at present. The orchestra is a very fine one, numerically strong and individually good. Mr. STRAKOSCH has wielded the *bâton* in his own opera, and is qualified to interpret the labors of others. The chorus is also admirable.

In the way of promised novelties, the most interesting is the *début* of Mlle. DE WILHORST. This event will, we believe, take place in the second week of the season. The talent and the ambition of the lady alike promise a success in the lyric drama. She makes her first appearance in the inimitable "Lucia."

To-day the subscription lists are opened at the various music stores. Choice and secured seats may be obtained for the season of twelve nights for twelve dollars, being a reduction of fifty per cent. on the regular prices. This is an object worth remembering.

MARINE MATTERS.

DETENTION OF OUTWARD BOUND VESSELS.

A large number of ships, barks and brigs which have been ready for sea, some of them for ten days, are detained in consequence of the ice, and the high charges made by tugs for towing them to sea; the risks also of getting well to sea, clear of the ice, have much to do in delaying their sailing. The *Ashburton* and others have been ready to sail for several days. The charge now made, by a first-class steam-tug, to tow a heavy ship outside of Sandy Hook is $500, and upwards; and the same for bringing a ship from outside the light-ship to her anchor or a pier in the City. Higher sums than this have lately been paid. Numbers of the pilot-boats are also prevented from going below from the impossibility of going through the ice without serious, and perhaps fatal, damage to their boats. The damage sustained by pilot-boat No. 11, *A. B. Nelson*, in being carried ashore near Fort Diamond, will be about one thousand dollars. This is the more to be regretted, as the pilots of this boat were humanely endeavoring to tow into port—having her in tow at the time—schooner *Wing of the Wind*, which had been taken in with by them at sea, on Saturday night, in a disabled condition.

THE COURT-MARTIAL.

The court-martial in this City is drawing toward a close, and will probably be concluded to-day. Two witnesses only were examined yesterday, but no new facts of interest were elicited as relates to the conduct of Assistant Surgeon HORNER. On account of the unavoidable absence of two witnesses the Court adjourned early. The verdict of the Court will not be known until it has been approved by the President and published by the Department at Washington. It appears to be the impression that the charges of these officers were more the result of oversight or mismanagement than any intentional dereliction of duty.

STEAMSHIP REPORTS.

The Hermann, U. S. mail steamer, Capt. [illegible] 9 A. M. got back from this port, with the mails and passengers for Aspinwall, on Tuesday morning, and sailed again yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The boat is now taking in coal, and will proceed to sea on Friday. The steamer will require at least six weeks. The accident took place about 150 miles from South-ampton.

HAPPENING OF MISCHANCE BY SEA AND LAND.

We infer from the following dispatch from Chatham, Mass., that the Wellfleet people are suffering from their usual Winter blockade, and that the steamer *Island Home*, which runs daily to Hyannis, connecting with the Cape Cod Railroad, has been compelled to suspend her trips:

CHATHAM, Thursday, Jan. 15.

Schooner *E. H. Dyer*, from Portland for Philadelphia, has been in the ice in Vineyard Sound several days. Got out and arrived at Nantucket (east side of Nantucket) on Sunday. She was chartered yesterday by Capt. G. D. FAYRWEATHER, and brought the passengers from Nantucket, and landed them at Chatham to-day at 1 o'clock. The schooner left for Boston this afternoon. She reports having seen several vessels in the ice in the Sound to-day.

The ice in the East River, yesterday, caused general derangement in the running of the ferry-boats, as no dependence could be placed upon the time required for making their trips. The Williamsburg boats experienced the most difficulty on account of the greater distance they have to run, and during a portion of the day suspended their trips entirely; most of the other ferries also made trips as seldom, that they generally went crowded with passengers and teams. The Houston-street ferry, it is said, also stopped their boats for most of the day. The mild weather which prevailed toward night, if it continues, will have the effect to melt the ice, and relieve the pressure in both the North and East Rivers.

RETURNED.

The British brig *Lady Seymour*, of and for Halifax, hence 15th inst., returned yesterday P. M., in tow of steamship *Hector*, as, having, when 40 miles east of the Highlands, discovered her to be leaking, which gained on the pumps 20 inches in three hours while on the starboard tack. Her cargo consists of flour principally.

Captain MORRELL, of steamship *Hermann*, came up from outside yesterday, and reports several square-rigged vessels below, among which are the ship *Maid of Orleans* and bark *Lexington*, from Havana. While coming up she carried away six of the arms of her starboard wheel and four of the port one.

The other Women's Hospital, and How Subscribe Proposed.

A few days since we published the proceedings in annual meeting of the Women's Hospital, of which Mrs. COZZENS is the president, and Dr. MARION SIMS the Surgeon. It is the only Women's Hospital in town, but certain lady Doctors are striving earnestly to create another—not a rival, in any sense—but a Hospital for females, over which females shall preside—females doing the prescribing and bandaging, and performing the surgical operations too, we suppose. It is a pity that the originators of this new enterprise had not studied their reputation for originality, and called under a new name, for, bound to succeed as it is, infinite confusion will come of this sameness of names. The intention of Drs. BLACKWELL and ZAKRZEWSKA (*fem.*) and the influential citizens (*masc.*) who unite with them, is to furnish not simply a refuge for the sick of their sex, but also to make their Hospital a school for the practical Clinical instruction of female medical students, with a distinct department devoted to the systematic training of a body of nurses for the supply of families and institutions.

It may not be generally known that a charter was obtained in 1854 for the organization of an Infirmary and Dispensary for women and children. A Dispensary was opened in a destitute part of the City, which was gratuitously attended by Dr. ELIZABETH BLACKWELL, with Drs. PARKER, CANNAON, KUNAN and TAYLOR, for consulting physicians. It is the thought to merge this into a hospital, to which an extensive out-patient department will be attached, to be attended by the students, under the direction of the professors. They hope, indeed, to establish a large medical college ultimately, with anatomical rooms, laboratory, &c., which shall be the great medical centre for female practitioners, and afford them every facility for gaining a complete knowledge of the profession.

Some may, possibly, think that the metropolis is pretty fairly supplied with medical schools already—and so thought the milliners when there were three bonnet shops in Division-street; but as the new establishments continue to go up, Division-street got to be at last a sort of moral centre of the world of bonnets, and did its share toward swelling the importance and glory of New-York. So it will be with the medical schools.

Let the women start theirs; let the faculties of those now in running order get up a fight among themselves and split each into two, and even the word physic can't be mentioned anywhere but that the hearer will involuntarily think of New-York and its schools.

Mr. THOMAS COSLEY, a native of Ireland, died in Woonsocket, recently, aged 67 years. The deceased was a soldier, under WELLINGTON, throughout the entire Peninsular War, and in several severe engagements, among them the terrible storming of Badajoz, yet he escaped without material injury.

Midshipman RICHARD W. GRAHAM, attached to the United States sloop-of-war *Constellation*, died recently at Constantinople, and was buried in the Kara Protestant Cemetery with military honors. He was from the District of Columbia, and entered the Naval Academy in 1851.

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BELA P. HOWE.

New-York, Jan. 15, 1857.

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60 Shares Stuyvesant Fire Insurance Company.....[illegible]
10 Shares Knickerbocker Fire Insurance Company.....[illegible]
40 Shares Lenox Fire Insurance Company.....[illegible]
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GILBERT S. SAVAGE, Auctioneer.

DIELEY, BAGLEY & SAVAGE WILL sell at Salesroom, No. 56 Cedar-st., on THURSDAY, Jan. 16, at 10½ A. M., fancy goods, clothing, ladies' cloaks, carpet bags, superfine silver plated ware on white metal, men's furnishing goods, hosiery, imported paper, (in order,) commercial post, steamer and ruled Bank letter, assorted colored and white, glazed paper for book-binders and box manufacturers, assorted stock Yankee notions, fancy hardware.
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A. C. TUTTLE, Auctioneer, Office No. 94 Broadway.

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JOHN B. VAN ANTWERP, Auctioneer.

HARDWARE AUCTION NOTICE.—JNO. B. VAN ANTWERP will sell on THURSDAY, 15th, at 10 o'clock, at No. 316 Pearl-st., a general assortment of English, American and German Hardware, &c. Also, 10 tanks and irons, 4 to 9; 23 casks wrought nails, 3 casks horse do., an invoice of paint and horse brushes, 21 dozen oil cans, 3 cases hatchets, 200 M ribbed percussion caps, 20 lbs. Also, with which the sale will commence, part of the stock of a retailer.

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NEW-YORK CITY.

Organization of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education met, for the first time this year at the Hall corner of Grand and Elm streets, for the purpose of organizing by the election of officers and Committees. Alderman H. Gelbe, Esq., was reelected on the 5th ballot, over Messrs. Marlow and Waterbury, his competitors, by 20 votes out of 44 cast—Messrs. Sinclair, of the Sixth, and Dr. Edwards, of the Twenty-second Ward, not voting. Alderman Gelbert, the tactful and popular Clerk, was reelected for the sixth time on the first ballot, by a vote of 33 over his competitor, Wm. Sinclair, Commissioner from the Sixth Ward, and member of the Evening School Committee.

The election of the executive Committees on the Free Academy, Normal School, Evening Schools and Finance followed. Mr. Bergen moved to reduce the Committees from seven to five members each, which was voted down. The plan of electing the Executive Committees originated with Mr. Waterbury during Mr. Bergen's Presidency, with a view of removing the appointing power from that officer. This plan, so unusual, has always worked badly, and brickmakers and bakers often find themselves on a Law Committee.

The President elect has proved himself during the first year a faithful and industrious officer, and was reelected by the votes of men of all parties, many of the most influential members of all shades of opinion casting their ballots for him.

In the reelection of Mr. Gilbert, the public have a guaranty of an intelligent and efficient administration of the business department of our educational system, an important matter for all having business relations with the Board of Education.

Mr. Davenport takes Mr. Wilson's place as Chairman of the Normal School Committee.

The Ice Crop.

The cold weather of the past few weeks encourages the hope that ice will be no less plenty and cheap next season than it has been the last. The various ice companies are now busily engaged in gathering the Winter crop, which is of unusual good quality. At Rockland Lake the ice is 12 inches thick, and though covered by a coat of snow of six or seven inches, is entirely free from snow ice. About 900 men are now employed there, part of whom labor all night. The cutting began last Saturday; but further up the River, at M Highland Lake, it has been going on for two or three weeks. Cutting at Rockland Lake does not commence until the ice is 10 to 12 inches thick, as much of it is intended for shipment South.

Ice in the River.

It took just two hours, last night, to get from the foot of South Seventh-street, in Williamsburg, to the foot of Grand-street, in New-York. The Peck-slip boats ceased running on their own route early in the evening. There were some very large cakes of ice running up with the tide, still, to our weak vision, it seemed that the pilots smoked their cigars a little more leisurely, while their boats lay in the slips, than even the largest cakes warranted. While the tide was on the ebb, during all the afternoon, navigation was little impeded.

The Mathews and Ferris Difficulty—Communication from John Mathews.

The desperate fight that took place the other morning in Broadway, and which resulted so disastrously to Thomas H. Ferris, proprietor of the Essex House, in Grand-street, both his eyes being badly "gouged," will, it is feared, lead to much difficulty between the friends of Ferris and those of his antagonist, Mathews. Ferris is still confined to his residence.

It would seem by the following note that John Mathews had no hand in the "gouging" of Ferris—that act being attributable entirely to his brother Parmenas:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1857.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: I observe in your paper of this date what purports to be an account of a desperate rencontre in Broadway, between the brothers Par and John Mathews of the Sixth Ward and Tom Ferris of Grand-street.

This report does me great injustice. I was not present, and know nothing of the difficulty in question, and consequently could not and did not take any act or part in it whatever.

By making this correction of your hasty statement you will be doing an act of justice to

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN MATHEWS.

☞ The Chamber of Commerce appointed a Committee of Merchants to assist in doing the courtesies to the coming Raritanians.

☞ The Commissioners of Emigration met last night, and spent most of their session in listening to the report of their Castle Garden Superintendent.

☞ The Councilmen met last night, but did nothing of importance.

Board of Governors.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on Tuesday,

Governor Fleckney presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to cause to be made a compilation of all the State laws relating to and regulating this Department, and of all the ordinances and amendments thereto, passed by the Board of Governors, providing for the government of the institutions under their control from the time of the organization until the present, and report such compilation to the Board by the second meeting in February.

Gov. Tieman wished, as an amendment, that such document be embodied by the confidential clerk. Gov. Finchway seconded. The return was ordered.

The President, in announcing the Committees for the year, adverted to the difficulty of placing nine gentlemen upon sixteen Committees. The list was as follows. Every gentleman would find himself placed upon five Committees, and three of them on six:

Almshouse—Messrs. Anderson, Moloney and Oliver.
Bellevue Hospital—Messrs. Smith, Dugro and Moloney.
City Prisons—Messrs. Anderson, Dugro and Finckney.
City Cemetery—Messrs. Smith, Tiemann and Anderson.
Colored Home—Messrs. Taylor, Moloney and Anderson.
Contracts—Messrs. Anderson, Townsend and Taylor.
Florists—Messrs. Smith, Dugro and Taylor.
Finance—Messrs. Tiemann, Taylor and Oliver.
Lunatic Asylum—Messrs. Finckney, Tiemann and Taylor.
Out-Door Poor—Messrs. Townsend, Smith and Dugro.
Penitentiary and Small-Pox Hospital—Messrs. Townsend, Finckney and Smith.
Randall's Island—Messrs. Tiemann, Oliver and Moloney.
Schools—Messrs. Tiemann, Smith and Townsend.
Store—Messrs. Moloney, Finckney and Dugro.
Repairs—Messrs. Townsend, Finckney and Moloney.
Workhouse—Messrs. Oliver, Tiemann and Anderson.

The Board then adjourned.

Special Meeting of the Board of Foremen and Engineers—Nomination of Candidates for Chief Engineer.

The Board of Foremen and Engineers of the Fire Department held a special meeting last evening, at Firemen's Hall, Mercer-street, to nominate candidates for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. All the fire companies of the City were represented at the meeting. There was a numerous and animated attendance outside of friends of the different candidates expected to be put in nomination.

Mr. Alfredd Carson, Chief Engineer, and President of the Board, called the meeting to order, but directly resigned the chair, after appointing Mr. Samuel Burnham, Jr., of Hose Co. No. 14, temporary Chairman.

Mr. D. W. Kenyale, of Engine Company No. 3, presented some resolutions fixing the time of election for Chief Engineer on Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, between the hours of 7 and 10 P. M.; the returns from each company to be duly sworn to in accordance with the rules regulating previous elections, the same to be handed to the Inspectors at such place as they may designate on the succeeding evening, between the hours of 6 and 9 P. M.

Alonzo Slote, of Hose Company No. 36, Chas. C. Hyde, of Engine Company No. 4, and Thomas F. Goodwin, of Hook and Ladder No. 15, were appointed Inspectors.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Board entered into an informal ballot for candidates for Chief Engineer, and the following was the vote declared:

Alfred Carson ..... 64 votes.
Henry H. Howard ..... 63 votes.

The result was received with demonstrations of applause outside and inside by the friends of the different candidates. The Board, immediately upon the determination of the ballot, adjourned.

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.

The election of officers of the above Society for the ensuing year took place on Tuesday. The poll was held at the rooms of the Society, No. 472 Broadway, and was kept open from 3 to 7 P. M. The following were the officers elected:

President—Thomas Earle.
Vice-Presidents—Ira Hutchinson, George W. Farnham.
Treasurer—Richard E. Monck.
Secretary—Wm. Van Norden.
Collector—Frederick W. Williams.

Two other tickets were run, one headed by Alderman Wm. Tucker, for President, and the other by Ira Hutchinson.

The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen was founded in 1792. Besides being one of the oldest Societies in the City it is one of the very best and most useful Societies of its class, in the social and beneficent influence it exerts upon young mechanics.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

A FACTION FIGHT—ONE MAN SEVERELY INJURED.

A serious faction fight took place about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, in the tenement house No. 263 East Thirteenth-street, which resulted in the serious injury of one of the combatants.

It appears that for some time past a hostile feeling has existed between one John Murray and his wife on the one side, and David Hogan and John Coffee, with their wives, on the other—all occupants of the tenement house aforementioned—and that on the morning in question Coffee and Hogan went to the door of Murray's room, and bursting it open, commenced a most violent assault on Murray and his wife. Murray, thus attacked in his own castle by such odds, believed it necessary to resort to extremes. Seizing an old spade that happened to be in the room, he with it dealt a powerful blow on the head of Coffee, inflicting a dangerous and perhaps fatal wound.

Officers Thorn and Quinn, of the Seventeenth Ward, hearing of the affair soon after, took Murray and Hogan into custody, and both were committed. The wives of the parties were also arrested, and held as witnesses.

Coffee still lies in his own room, in a very critical condition.

AGENT OF DOCK-THIEVES.

Seven youngsters, giving their names as Dennis McGrath, John McCann, John Powers, Jerome Mahoney, Michael Phelan, Michael Nugent, and James Riley, were brought before Justice Osborne, yesterday morning, charged with stealing two hogsheads of sugar from the foot of Peck-slip. The sugar was carried off in bags, and was found in possession of the prisoners by the Fourth Ward Police.

The parties were committed for examination.

HOT GARROTERS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 12, 1857.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The garrote robbery is not carried on by men alone, but by boys of from 12 to 15 years of age. This may not generally be known, but it is not an an uncommon occurrence that children of 12 years and less are met, in broad day, and robbed, by the garrote system. My son has twice been robbed in this way, in passing through Madison-street, near the Fourth Ward. While one boy would hold his arms behind him, another would catch him by the throat with one hand, and with the other hold his mouth, so it would be impossible to make the least noise, while the third would search his pockets. This is a growing evil. It has become so of late that I dare not intrust him with the least article of value, or even a few pennies, lest he should be half choked and robbed; and this, too, in the broad day. Yours, &c.,

S. E. G. RAWSON, No. 101 East Broadway.

Fires.

IN ATTORNEY-STREET.

At 9½ o'clock last evening, in the building Nos. 123 and 125 Attorney-street, occupied by I. M. Singer, manufacturer of sewing-machines, and by Lyons & Falls, as a machine-shop. Mr. Singer's loss amounts to about $1,000. Messrs. Lyons & Falls, owners of the building, sustained a loss of about $4,000—$2,000 on stock, and $2,000 on building.

Messrs. Lager and Bader, occupants of the adjoining building as a carpenter's shop, sustained a loss of about $100.

Neither of the parties are insured. The fire originated in the apartments of Mr. Singer.

THE ALARM FOR THE SECOND.

The alarm for the Second District, between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, was caused by a fire at the corner of Ninth-avenue and Forty-first-street.

A Narrow Escape.

A washerwoman, named Ellen Fitzgerald, while at work at the house No. 283 Bleecker-street, had her dress set on fire by coming in contact with a hot furnace. Greatly alarmed she ran up into the hall, and from thence to the street, with her clothes in a blaze. She was met on the sidewalk by Mr. G. F. Zeigler, who, with great presence of mind tore off a portion of her dress, then snatched a shawl from the shoulders of a gentleman who happened to be passing and enveloped the burning woman in it, thereby smothering the fire and saving her from death. She was very badly injured, however.

Neither did Mr. Zeigler escape injury. Both his hands were badly burned, and his clothing was nearly destroyed.

SUPREME COURT—Special Term—Jan. 14.

Before Hon. Justice Clerke.

DECISIONS.

Bock vs. Stanton.—Motion granted with $10 costs to defendant, to abide event.

Moore vs. Livingston.—Case settled.

Green vs. The Brooklyn Mechanics' Building Association.—Motion denied with $10 costs.

Peck vs. Ferris.—Application for judgment. Defendant is entitled to have it set aside. Order accordingly, but without costs to plaintiff.

Woodhull vs. Woodhull.—Motion denied without costs.

Bennet vs. Pittsburg and Montreal Railroad Company.—Motion denied with $5 costs. Defendant to have liberty to apply again after plaintiffs have had an opportunity to move for an order of sale and reference as to distribution of proceeds.

Fowler vs. Woodhull et al.—The costs of the demurrer should not be given against Woodhull, but against Gillies alone. In all these respects the clerk's adjustment is right.

Wicker vs. Dresser.—Let an order of commitment issue unless defendant submit to the examination required by Judge Davie' order, on five days' notice, and pay the costs, &c., required by said order, and $10 costs of this motion, with costs of appeal, Sheriff's fees, and disbursements to referee.

Harriotts vs. Lowery et al.—Motion denied, with $5 costs to each defendant.

In re International Insurance Company.—Motion denied without costs.

Dorsey vs. Woodruff.—Motion granted, with $10 costs of action.

Cowan vs. Lansing.—Motion granted, with $10 costs of motion and costs of inquest. Judgment to stand as security, and to be placed on the Circuit calendar for Friday week.

Wheeler vs. Sumins.—Motion denied, without costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—Special Term.

Before Hon. Justice Woodruff.

Scott vs. Nevins.—Motion denied without costs.

Before Hon. Justice Slosson.

Hoagland et al. vs. Doesmus.—Motion to file supplemental answer denied, with $5 costs.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—Special Term.

Before Judge Ingraham.

INTERESTING TO FIREMEN.

Jas. Masterson, Foreman, &c., of Engine Company No. 33, vs. Julian Botts, Foreman, &c., of Engine Company No. 38.—Ingraham, F. J.—This action was brought by one of the fire companies of this City to recover from another company the possession of a fire-engine. On the trial the complaint was dismissed upon the ground that no such action could be maintained in the name of the fireman of one of the companies. The act of 1849, ch. 258, provides for the bringing of actions by joint stock companies having shareholders or associates, but was not sufficient to reach the present case, not being applicable to the case of a fire company. Nor do I think the act of 1851 is sufficient to enable the plaintiff to maintain this action. By that statute the provisions of the act of 1840 are extended to companies or associations composed of not less than seven persons having an interest in property, &c. The fire companies are not such associations. They do not own the engines placed in their charge, nor have they any interest therein other than as the agents of the City authorities. They hold them only as such agents, subject at all times to their control, and cannot be considered in any respect as the owners thereof.

The motion for a new trial must be denied.

Charles Boston vs. Edwin Stone—Order of reference to Thomas Boese, Esq.

George W. Gaskin vs. Wilhelmina Gaskin—Order of reference to Edward P. Cowles, Esq.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Wednesday.

Before the City Judge.

At the opening of the Court, this morning, the District Attorney withdrew the second count of the indictment charging Deming, the prisoner under trial for arson in the first degree, with an attempt to defraud the Bowery Insurance Company. The prisoner's senior counsel, Mr. James T. Brady, then commenced to sum up for the defence. He dwelt especially at this point in Mr. Higgins' testimony, that day was beginning to dawn when the fire was first discovered, as that fact changed the degree of the crime, removing it from arson in the first degree to an offence of a lower grade, and thus placing the life of the prisoner out of peril. Mr. Brady spoke for about two hours.

The reply of the District Attorney was very elaborate. It was listened to by the large and miscellaneous audience, which filled the Court-room, with close attention. Some portions of it rose to the dignity of true eloquence.

Judge Russell charged the jury, rather leaning in the prisoner's favor.

The jury retired at ten minutes to 2 o'clock. It was soon known in the Court that there was little probability of their agreeing. The Judge adjourned the Court until 10 o'clock P. M.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

JONATHAN I. CODDINGTON'S WILL.

The will of the late Jonathan I. Coddington was on Tuesday filed in the Surrogate's Office for probate. No contestants appear against the will. The relatives of the deceased, however, object to its publication. The bequests are said to be wholly of a private character.

[Advertisement.]

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Drs. H. A. Root & Co., No. 512 Broadway, authors of *The People's Medical Lighthouse*, &c.

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This will afford an opportunity for all who are desirous of providing a supply of Clothing, either for this or the next Winter, to do so, at 20 per cent. less than the current prices. D. DEVLIN & CO.,

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[Advertisement.]

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[Advertisement.]

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[Advertisement.]

☞ "Planche, or the Lively Fairies" is all the go in theatricals. Night after night Purdy's National Theatre is crowded to overflowing by the *élite* of the City and Brooklyn. It is to be repeated to-night, with the Comedy of "A Day in Paris" commencing, and Drama of "Brian Boroihme" concluding.

[Advertisement.]

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LONG ISLAND.

Brooklyn Common Council.

This body continued in session from Tuesday evening 7½ o'clock to 2½ o'clock Wednesday morning. The following appointments were made, in addition to those heretofore published:

Inspector of Pavements, Eastern District—George W. Palmer.

Inspector of Wells and Pumps—Henry A. Van Anden.

Clerk of Police Court—E. C. Morehouse.

Clerk First District Court—Thos. H. Appleton.

Clerk Second District Court—J. Q. Adams.

Clerk Third District Court—Jotham E. Ferry.

Clerk Fourth District Court—James Hanford.

Clerk Fifth District Court—Henry Boice.

Assistant Captain, First District—James Brown and Geo. Latham.

Assistant Captain, Second Ward—W. H. Brown and R. W. Cratts.

Assistant Captain, Third Ward—Benj. B. McClane and C. C. Preston.

Assistant Captain, Fourth Ward—Wm. H. Stewart and Chris. Wright.

Assistant Captain, Eighth Ward—Thos. Combs.

Captain of Police, Ninth Ward—Joel Miller.

Bell-Ringers, City Hall—Joseph Montrose, Louis Du Boise, Smith U. Cox.

Bell-Ringers, Thirteenth Ward Tower—C. C. Harvey and —Reed.

Bell-Ringers, Sixteenth Ward Tower—Edward Raynor and Augustus Marinus

Pound Master, Western District—Louis Nichols.

Pound Master, Eastern District—George Sparrow.

Pound Master, Eighth Ward—W. B. Williams.

Inspector of Hacks, Western District—Horace Strang.

Inspector of Hacks, Eastern District—George Conselyea.

The Fools are Not All Dead.

A verdant somebody, from the city of Chicago, was standing on the Astor House steps, on Tuesday afternoon, picking his teeth, when he was graciously accosted and entered into conversation with a stranger, who, like himself, represented that he was a merchant visiting the City to purchase goods. The newly made aquaintance from Chicago was invited to go to a shooting match to pass away an idle afternoon, and the proposition was assented to, when the twain started for Brooklyn, through which they traversed as far as Fifth-avenue and Ninth-street near Winder & Co.'s safe factory, where a third party was met, accidentally, of course, and the stale, sound trick known as the patent safe game was successfully played upon the unsophisticated Chicago gentleman. Having been relieved of $60 and a silver watch, it began to creep through his brain that he had been duped, and of course he sought relief at the office of the Chief of Police, but before the complaint was made the villains had abundant time to depart for more congenial regions.

☞ Prof. Howard Crosby delivered an admirable lecture on the "Greek Revolution of '21," last evening, the first of a course that promises to be interesting and remunerative, at the Franklin-avenue Presbyterian Church, to be delivered on Wednesday evenings.

NEW-JERSEY.

Found Dead.

Justice Bedford, of Jersey City, held an inquest yesterday upon the body of an unknown man found in an unoccupied building at the corner of South Eighth and Prospect streets, on Tuesday evening. He had evidently been there several days. The body was in a sitting posture. By its side was a vial containing laudanum, and in one of his pockets another vial containing the same poison. He also had a few needles of the kind used in sewing machines in his pocket, and a part-monodie containing two cents.

Corporation Printer.

The Jersey City Common Council Tuesday night elected Mersay D. Holt, of the Jersey City *Sentinel*, Corporation Printer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Lutkes A. Pratt, former publisher of the *Sentinel*. The contest lay between Mr. Holt and Wm. B. Dunning, of the Hudson County *Courier*.

Water Commissioner.

E. W. Kingsland, elected one of the Board of Water Commissioners of Jersey City by the Common Council on Tuesday evening of last week, has declined to serve on account of other duties. Benjamin O. Egge was elected last night to fill the vacancy.

Accident.

A lad named James Veltman had one of his arms and one of his legs broken in Erie-street, Tuesday morning, by running under a milk-man's horse while riding upon a hand-sled.

The Burns Club.

The Burns Club, of Jersey City, has organized by the election of Wm. Kerr for President; A. McKay as Secretary; and John B. Rae for Treasurer.

☞ The Hudson County Courts yesterday (Thursday) were engaged upon Supreme Court issues. To-day the Circuit Court Calendar will be commenced.

MARRIED.

Belknap—Clark.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Janie-st. Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Pastor, Rev. E. O. Putney, Mr. Benjamin B. Belknap to Miss Mary E. Clark, daughter of the late Nathaniel Clark, Esq., all of this City.

Haulenbeck—Cromelbow.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, by Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest, at the first-st. Dutch Reformed Church, Peter Haulenbeck to Miss Ellen A. Cromelbow, all of this City.

☞ Newark, N. J., papers please copy.

Wentworth—Soullard.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, by Rev. I. P. Hoyt, Mr. Joseph W. Wentworth to Miss Mary E., eldest daughter of the late Capt. D. V. Soullard, all of this City.

Sensemann—Lunzer.—At Bethlehem, Penn., on Tuesday, Jan. 6, by Rev. Bishop John C. Jacobson, Rev. Edwin T. Sensemann, pastor of the Moravian Church, in this City, to Miss Sarah Lunzer, of Bethlehem, Penn.

DIED.

Burden.—In this City, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, after a short illness, Jane, wife of Henry Burden, deceased, aged 42 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at 1 o'clock P. M., on Friday, 16th inst., from her son's residence, No. 128 East 19th-st.

Baley.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, Elizabeth, relict of the late William Baley, of this City, in the 81st year of her age.

☞ Her friends and those of her son, James D. Baley, and of her son-in-law, George Reiland, are invited to attend the funeral, on Friday morning, 16th inst., at 10 o'clock, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Duane-st.

Stratton.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, of consumption, Angeline P., youngest daughter of the late Alexander M. Stratton, in the 16th year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from No. 130 Greenwich av.

Scott.—In this City, on Monday, Jan. 12, Mrs. Catharine H. Scott, relict of the late Patrick Scott, in the 85th year of her age.

The friends of the family, and those of her sons, Eugene H. and Cornelius M. Sullivan, also the New-York and Sandy Hook Pilots, and the members of the Neptune Club, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from St. Andrew's Church, (City Hall place,) on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. The funeral services will commence at 11 o'clock A. M. Her remains will be taken to the 11th-st. Cemetery for interment.

☞ New-Orleans papers please copy.

Blakeley.—At Harlem, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, Capt. John T. Blakeley, in the 80th year of his age.

The friends of the family, and those of his sons, Thomas H. Blakeley, and sons in-law, John H. Lyons and Capt. C. Ray, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, from his late residence, 5th-av., near 127th st., this day, (Thursday,) 15th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M. His remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

☞ Albany.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, of inflammation of the bowels, Gershom E., eldest son of Geo. E. and Maria Archer, aged 10 years, 5 months and 7 days.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of the M. E. Church, corner of Clinton and Pacific sts., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Clinton and Pacific sts., this day, (Thursday,) at 3 o'clock P. M. His remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

☞ Sandford.—At Yarrow, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, Rev. Dr. Sandford, in the 76th year of his age.

The funeral services to take place at the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M. The relatives and friends are particularly invited to attend. P. S.—Ministers of M. E. Churches in New-York and Brooklyn are requested to give notice of the above from their pulpits on next Sabbath, and accept this as a personal invitation to attend the funeral.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Jan. 14.

$6,000 Indiana St. 6s	84¼	200 Erie R.R.	b60 69¾
1,000 Tenn. St. 6s, '90	89¾	350 do	s5 69¼
3,000 Miss. St. 6s	s5 86	300 do	b60 69¾
1,000 Ohio 6s, '90	s2 102	543 do	s3 69¾
13,000 Virginia 6s	b5 93	300 do	s30 69¾
1,000 N. J. Cen. RR. 6s	86¾	400 do	s30 69¾
1,000 N. Y. Cen. RR. 7s	99¾	70 Hud. River R.R.	39¾
10,000 Ill. Cen. R. bs	90 97	210 Harlem Railroad	s5 15½
500 do	97½	100 Reading Railroad	c 88¼
1,000 C. & R. I. Bonds	93¾	300 do	b30 88½
1,000 do	93	300 do	c60 88
1,000 L. E. & W. Jas. b. 7	71	100 do	s45 88
100 C. & P. Div. Bds.	60	100 do	88
30 Park Bank	98	1200 do	s30 88
10 Ins. & Trus. Bank	186	300 Mich. Cen. RR.	c 93¼
7 Metropolitan Bank	104½	300 Mich. S. & N. I. RR.	88
20 Bank of Commerce	104	11 do	87¾
100 Cum. Coal Co.	b30 17½	19 do	88¼
100 do	s5 17½	200 do	b10 88¼
500 N. J. Zinc	63	50 do	87¾
100 N. Y. C. R.R.	b30 93¾	50 Panama Railroad	91½
100 do	s5 93¾	200 Clev. & Pitts. RR.	56¼
400 do	93	30 Cle. C. & C. RR.	s5 104
200 do	b60 93¾	9 Gal. & Chic. RR.	121½
50 do	b4 93	100 do	121½
100 do	s10 93	450 Clev. & To. R.R.	s5 77¾
100 do	s30 93	300 do	b5 77¾
300 do	s3 93	100 do	b15 77¾
24 La Cro. & Mil. R.R.	72¾	175 C. & Rock I. R.R.	s5 97
100 do	72¾	100 do	s3 97¾
100 do	b60 74	100 do	b60 97¾
50 New-Jersey R. R.	124½		

SECOND BOARD.

$3,000 Missouri St. 6s	78	100 Reading RR.	89¼
6,000 Tn. H. & Al. 2d m.	74	100 do	89¾
100 Cumb. Coal Co.	b3 17½	300 do	b30 89
100 Canton Co.	b30 28¾	100 do	89¼
100 do	28¾	100 do	b3 89¾
200 do	b60 28¾	100 do	b60 89¾
100 Mic. So. & N.I.R.	b3 87¼	500 do	89¼
200 do	b60 88	100 do	b3 89¾
128 do	87¼	100 Gal. & Chi. RR.	121½
400 Erie Railroad	69¾	50 do	s10 121¼
100 do	s3 69¾	100 do	s30 121
200 do	s10 69¾	10 do	121¼
50 do	s60 69¾	5 Sixth-av. Railroad	96
100 do	s3 69¾	20 Hud. Riv. RR.	33¼
16 Chi. & Rk. Is. R.	97		

Wednesday, Jan. 14—P. M.

The day was a quiet one in Money affairs. The supply is moderately easy to the borrowers on call with good Stock collateral, but the rates continue dear on Mercantile paper outside of Bank, say 8@10 ₱ cent. ₱ annum on strictly private and 12@24 ₱ cent. on fair or second-choice names. Since the closing of the mail for the Boston market yesterday afternoon there has not been much done in Foreign bills. The supply continues good, and a large amount of Sterling is mentioned to be making on San Francisco account to cover not only the Gold sent direct to England but nearly half a million of Silver sent to China for English account.

There was a light business in Stocks to-day, and prices generally weak, at the early Board. In the afternoon, with the exception of Reading shares, the rates were not materially altered, although the general market closed heavy. The sales of Reading at a decline of 1@2 ₱ cent. from Tuesday were chiefly made upon the figures of the annual statement, as construed by the speculators, although the pamphlet copy of the Report, with the general balance sheet, has not yet appeared, nor is there anything in *the practical results* of the year's business to justify the perversion of the character of the statement read to the Stockholders on Monday, and published this morning. These results are: Eight ₱ cent. in cash, or $894,674 paid to the stockholders, and a reduction of $276,000 in the Bonded debt of the Company. The creation of new shares, $149,000, by conversion of part of the Bonds, is not equal to the addition, $158,971, to the permanent value and equipment of the Road. We annex in tabular form, for three years, the Capital and Funded Debt of the Company, as belonging to the

CONSTRUCTION COST AND CAPITAL AND DEBT, READING RAILROAD.

	1855. Jan. 6.	1856. Jan. 10.	1857. Jan. 12.
Construction Cost	$18,664,114	$19,004,180	$19,163,151
Funded Debt	$9,219,000	$6,824,000	$6,648,000
Common Stock	6,508 216	9,478,566*	9,626,466
Mortgages	505,800	504,900	501,950
Preferred Stock	1,551,800	1,551,800	1,551,800
Unfunded Debt	816,648	....	....
Total Debt and Stock	$18,604,458	$18,469,166	$18,327,216
Paid from Income	159,656	535,071	835,778
Total Cost, as above	$18,664,114	$19,004,180	$19,163,151

* Increasing Dividend Stock of February, 1855, $924,342. The actual Dividend issue was $925,366. The difference of $24,120, and also $149,000 converted Stock, are added to the total in 1857.

The plain story of the foregoing is, that the Company have now a property and equipment of the value of $19,163,151, while owing therefor only $18,337,879 in Capital and Funded Debt. In other words, after paying *thirty per cent.* in dividends to the Stockholders the past three years, they have applied $825,772 to the permanent value of the property. And from a Funded Debt of $9,219,000 in 1855, the sum total by conversion and liquidation is reduced in 1857 to $6,648,000. To the ledger balances, or unfunded accounts of the concern, we can refer with some degree of certainty and intelligence, on the appearance of the general balance sheet. It is in regard to these that we hear the usual Street-talk of floating debt.

The Sub-Treasury received, to-day, $164,431; paid $174,339; and held balances, at the close, $11,666,724.

The Dividend notice of the Galena and Chicago Company appears in our advertising columns. The transfers close on 25th January, and reopen on 2d February. The earnings of the Pittsburg and Chicago Road, (late Pennsylvania and Ohio) for December, were $129,946, against $95,182 last season.

The earnings of the Erie Railroad for the month of December, 1856, were $542,017
Against the earnings in December, 1855 .. 581,800
Showing a decrease of $39,783

Markets by Telegraph.

New Orleans, Monday, Jan. 12.

Cotton has advanced ⅛c. Sales to-day, 3,000 bales. The quotations are 12¼c.@12¾c. for Middling. The market closed firm. White Wheat sold for $1.60; Mixed Corn 75c. Other articles generally unchanged.

Charleston Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Sales of Cotton to-day, 400 bales. The market is depressed, but there is no quotable decline.

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia.—*Wednesday—First Board.*—$1,000 Wilmington Railroad 6s, 63¾; $100 City 6s, 93¾; $200 do., 93¾; 300 do., new, 94¼; s2 10c City Railroad 6s, 90; $1,300 do., 90¼; $1,000 City Coupon 6s, 94¼; $1,000 Tonn. Coupon 5s, 88¼; $500 City 6s, 93¼; $1,000 do., 94; $5,000 Pennsylvania 5s, 81 ⅞; $1,300 North Pennsylvania Railroad 6s, 63; 45 Lehigh Scrip, 30¾; 55 do., 30; 22 Pennsylvania Railroad, 48; 200 Reading Railroad, 41¼; 300 do., 41¾; 14 Harrisburg Railroad, 57; 260 Morris Canal, 16¾; 4 Beaver Meadow Railroad, 54; 100 Schuylkill Navigation Preferred, 26; 4 Mitchell Railroad, C. & W., 80¾; 4 Girard Bank, 11¼; 45 do., 11¾; 9 Bank of Pennsylvania, 106¾; 20 Cons. Bank, 39; 10 City Bank, 83; 11 Philadelphia Bank, 131¾; 98 Mechanics' Bank, 32¾; 5 Commercial Bank, 51; 6 Bank of Kentucky, 103¾.

Closing Prices—United States 6s, '67, 113; Phila. 6s, 96¾@97; Phila. R. R., 30¾@31; Phil. 6s, new, 97¾@98; Penna. 6s, 93¾@94; Reading Railroad, 41@41¼; Reading Railroad Bonds, 70@80; Reading Railroad Mort. 6s, '44, 87@88; Penna. Railroad, 47¾@48; Morris Canal, 15¾@16; Schuylkill Navigation, 6s, '96, 67¾@68; Schuylkill Navigation Stock, 16@17; Schuylkill Navigation Preferred, 26@26¼; Williamsport and Elmira R. R., 3d mort., 70¾@71; Williamsport and Elmira R. R., 1st mort., 92¾@93; Long Island, 13¼@13¾; Virginia 6s, '66, 93¾; Girard Bank, 11¼@11¾; Lehigh Nav., 16@16¼; Union Canal, 12¾@12¾; New-Creek, 2¾@3; Catawissa Railroad, 13¼@15¾.

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